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Reagan agrees to postpone SDI decision

By Michael Binyon in Washington and Andrew McEwen in London

Washington yesterday bowed to growing international and congressional concern over deployment of its Star Wars programme by postponing any decision.

The move came amid fears that a commitment to deploy the first phase of the Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) could dash hopes of an East-West arms control agreement.

The Administration had been faced with a growing furore over the possible consequences of tampering with a key treaty.

President Reagan had been bluntly warned that he was courting disaster both in Congress and with the Allies if he unilaterally changed the US interpretation of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty in order to allow extensive testing of Star Wars technology.

Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, yesterday insisted that no decision had been made, and no early deployment of SDI was in the offing, even though research was making remarkably good progress.

He said the US would consult its allies and Congress before any decision was made.

Whitehall was expected to greet the delay with relief. Britain's concern over the possible side-effects of a decision to commit the US to deploy a first phase of SDI has been shared by Canada, Japan, Belgium, West Germany and the Secretary-General of Nato.

Sir Anthony Acland, the British Ambassador, met Mr Shultz last Thursday, and on Saturday the State Department received letters from Mr Joe Clark, Canadian Minister of External Affairs, and Herr Hans Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister.

Senator Nunn: Gave warning of constitutional crisis.

Lord Carrington, Secretary-General of Nato, is reported to have sent another letter asking for the alliance to be consulted before a deployment decision is taken. Mr Leo Tindemans, Foreign Minister of Belgium, expressed the EEC's unease.

With prospects for an arms control treaty improving after the setback at Reykjavik, where SDI was the stumbling block, Europeans pressed Mr Reagan not to create fresh barriers.

Concern was focused on demands from a leading hawk, Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, for a looser interpretation of the 1972 ABM Treaty.

The Allies feared that a US decision to deploy SDI would put Mr Gorbachov under internal pressure to drop any thought of a summit.

They also believed prospects might be harmed, though probably not fatally, if Mr Weinberger were permitted to stretch interpretation of the treaty to allow testing in space. Moscow has hinted that it would compromise on space testing, but not on deployment.

The treaty confines testing to the laboratory, but Soviet negotiators at the Geneva arms talks have said that a space station could be considered a laboratory.

Mr Weinberger yesterday called for the US to take advantage of provisions in the treaty which he believes would permit both testing and phased deployment. "No one is talking about violating the treaty," he said, speaking on the BBC TV programme *This Week, Next Week*.

The timing of the international concern stemmed from signs that moderates within the Administration, led by Mr Shultz, were losing the SDI argument.

Mr Reagan also faced strong pressure from the Democrat-controlled Congress. Senator Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, wrote to the White House at the weekend warning that the President would provoke "a constitutional crisis of profound dimensions" if he adopted a new interpretation of the ABM Treaty without extensive consultation with Congress.

Such a move would be interpreted by Congress as "the end of arms control" under the Reagan Administration, he said. Congress would retaliate by making deep cuts in SDI spending.

The Senate approved the treaty in 1972 on the understanding that it set strict limits on testing and deployment of defence systems. Mr Nunn is concerned that any attempt by the Administration unilaterally to alter the US position would undermine the Senate's constitutional role in approving the treaty.

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Hopes for Sino-Soviet border deal

The Soviet and Chinese deputy foreign ministers meet today for the first time in nine years for talks aimed at ending the dispute over their strategically vital border. Senior officials from both countries are optimistic that the situation, where the world's largest communist armies have been facing each other in a state of constant alert, could be defused **Page 12**

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Portfolio

- **There is £16,000 to be won next weekend in The Times Portfolio Gold weekly competition, double the usual amount as there was no winner on Saturday.**
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Sakharov says 43 dissidents freed

Moscow (Reuter) — A dissident historian, Mr Yevgeny Antsupov, has been released from detention, taking the total of Soviet political dissenters freed in the past week to 43, Dr Andrei Sakharov, the physicist, said yesterday.

Dr Sakharov told Western reporters that Mr Antsupov, aged 47, who was sentenced to six years in a labour camp and five years in internal exile for "anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda" in April 1981, had returned to his home in Kharkov, in the Ukraine.

Dr Sakharov and his wife, Mrs Yelena Bonner, said yesterday that, after receiving telephone calls and telegrams from freed prisoners, they had earlier compiled a list of 42 dissidents who had been released from labour camps or prisons.

They said the freed prisoners had received a document saying they had been pardoned by a decree of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, the Soviet Union's highest state body. It was not clear if Mr Antsupov had also been given this document.

Mrs Bonner said it was possible that more people had been freed under the decree, although the measure was not a general amnesty.

Meanwhile, five prisoners have been moved from a labour camp to a central prison in Tbilisi, capital of the republic of Georgia, the mother of one of the prisoners said.

Mrs Raisa Uvarova said that her son, Mr Tengiz Gudava, sentenced in June 1986 to seven years in prison followed by three years in internal exile for anti-Soviet agitation, told her about the move when she visited him last Friday.

She said the prisoners had been told they would be released if they signed documents rejecting past actions considered hostile to the state, but Mr Gudava had refused. She did not know if the others had signed such documents.

Sandringham intruder sparks security review

A security review at Sandringham House, which the Queen leaves today after a six-week stay, has been ordered by Mr George Charlton, Chief Constable of Norfolk (Robin Young writes).

The police are concerned that a mentally disturbed intruder was able to climb over the main gates while the Queen was in residence without activating electronic surveillance equipment.

The partial failure of the security system has been attributed to snow. Police discounted reports that the man was caught only because an alert passer-by raised the alarm.

Buckingham Palace refused to comment last night, saying it was a matter for the police.

MPs to seek 'jobs for Nazis' inquiry

By a Staff Reporter

Allegations that the Government is withholding highly sensitive information about Britain's recruitment of Nazi scientists immediately after the Second World War are to be raised in the Commons.

In a move that will add to the growing pressure for reform of existing laws protecting official secrets, the all-party War Crimes Group is to press the Prime Minister to investigate claims made in a book to be published next week.

Its joint secretary, Mr Greville Janner, Labour MP for Leicester West, said yesterday that he would be examining the detailed evidence gathered by the book's author, Mr Tom Bower, in the course of his extensive research into the post-war scramble between the Allies to corner Hitler's finest scientific and technical talent.

"Our group will do everything in its power to ensure that the Government and its agencies look very closely into each and every one of Mr Bower's very serious allegations," Mr Janner said. It was no suprise, he added, to learn that Mr. Bower was prevented from examining Home Office and other official records relating to the process by which former Nazis came to this country

According to Mr Bower his efforts, while working on the book *The Paperclip File* — the first of three extracts from which appears on page 14 of *The Times* today — to examine the official record dealing with the recruitment of former Nazi scientists ran into a dead end. "I soon discovered that the most detailed papers had either been withdrawn by the authorities or so heavily 'weeded' as to be almost useless," he said yesterday.

Mr Bower's book makes it clear that the US scooped the lion's share of Hitler's boffins, among them the rocket specialists who founded today's American space programme. But he maintains that unlike the US, Britain accepted the Germans who came here — "some of whom," he says, "are still living in the Cotswolds and parts of East Anglia" — without investigation.

He quotes the example of the recruitment of a team of submarine experts to work at Barrow-in-Furness. "I can assure you they were dedicated Nazis.," he says.

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Making a splash: Moorhouse, of England, a jubilant winner yesterday.

Moorhouse shatters a barrier

Adrian Moorhouse, of Britain, became the first man to break the 60-second barrier in the 100-metre breaststroke at a short-course swimming meeting in Bonn yesterday. The impact of his winning time, 59.75 seconds, was similar to Sir Roger Bannister's first sub-four-minute mile in athletics.

Moorhouse's victory was so decisive that his longtime rival, Victor Davis, of Canada, could not believe that he had been defeated so comprehensively. Davis took the silver medal and Rolf Beab, of West Germany, who had set the world mark at 60.30sec, took the bronze in 60.90sec.

The win against Davis was all the nicer for the British champion because the Canadian was awarded the world title for the event in Madrid last summer when Moorhouse was disqualified for making an improper turn.

Moorhouse, aged 22, from Leeds said: "I have never had doubts since that Madrid disappointment that I am the world's best breaststroke swimmer over 100 metres

The chief British Olympic coach, Paul Hickson, said: "It was one of the outstanding performances in the history of British swimming."

- Ian Botham helped the England cricketers brush aside Australia in the opening leg of the World Series Cup final at Melbourne yesterday. The all-rounder led a six-wicket win with 71 from 52 balls.

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Fears for hostages grow amid spate of rumours on Waite

By Andrew McEwen in London and Juan Carlos Gumucio in Beirut

Hopes of early freedom for Mr Terry Waite rose and faded yesterday while fears for two groups of hostages in Lebanon took on a new urgency. Both developments were seen as twists in a psychological war to wear down the West's refusal to negotiate.

Radio reports that the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy had been released in West Beirut were followed by rumours that he was on his way to Damascus. Lack of confirmation reinforced suspicion that both belonged to a deliberate cycle of optimism and disappointment.

An element of science fiction came with a claim that Mr Waite had a miniature transmitter fitted on his body. The pro-Iranian Revolutionary Justice Organization said he had been used to pinpoint targets for an attack by US forces. It enclosed a photograph of an American hostage, Mr Edward Austin Tracy, with its statement, sent to the independent Beirut newspaper *An-Nahar*.

The group has threatened to kill Mr Tracy and Mr Joseph James Cicippio, another American, together with a French hostage, M Jean-Louis Normandin, if the Sixth Fleet attacks Lebanon.

Another Muslim underground group renewed its ultimatum to kill four hostages unless Israel releases 400 Arab guerrillas today. Israel refused the demand.

The Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine issued a hand-written five-page letter in poor English together with a videotape of one of the hostages reading it.

"February 9 is the last date to release them. If they don't get released our fate will be execution," Mr Alann Steen said in a steady voice.

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He was abducted on January 24 with two other Americans, Mr Robert Polhill, Mr Jesse Turner, and an Indian, Mr Mithileshwar Singh.

Mr Steen said the kidnappers were "treating us very well up to now".

An offer by Mr Nabih Berri, leader of the Amal Shia Muslim militia, to exchange a captured Israeli airman for the imprisoned guerrillas is being considered by Israel.

- BONN: The kidnappers of two West Germans in Lebanon have sent Bonn a new letter reinforcing their demand for the release of two suspected Lebanese terrorist brothers in West Germany, the DPA German news agency reported yesterday (John England writes).

'Only 4 ministers knew of Zircon'

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

Only three Cabinet ministers and the Prime Minister knew about the Zircon spy satellite project.

The ministers were those who had to know: Mrs Margaret Thatcher; Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence; Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary; and Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, according to senior Cabinet sources.

Mr Michael Heseltine, former Secretary of State for Defence who resigned during the Westland crisis, would also have known of the project, which began in 1983.

But some of Mrs Thatcher's closest colleagues, including Lord Whitelaw, deputy Prime Minister; and Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative Party chairman, knew nothing.

The project was so highly classified that the Government has the names of all those in the know.

Meanwhile, the Zircon affair is strengthening the resolve of ministers to carry out a fundamental reform of the Official Secrets Act.

The Government is almost certain to repeat its attempt of 1979 to change the law if it returns to power. It appears likely that the "catch all" provisions of Section 2 of the 1911 Act will be recast to provide for specific laws to protect national secrets.

Section 2 makes it an offence to disclose or receive any offical information without authorization, regardless of intent to damage the state, and ministers are arguing that it places too heavy a burden on the Government's law officers in deciding whether to bring cases.

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New chief tipped for Guinness

The board of Guinness meets tomorrow amid mounting speculation that Mr Anthony Tennant, a senior director at Grand Metropolitan, the hotels and drinks group, will shortly be appointed chief executive in succession to the sacked Mr Ernest Saunders.

The Bank of England has been closely involved in the problems at Guinness ever since the Department of Trade inspectors moved in on December 1.

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Officials at the Bank have already voiced concern to Sir Norman Macfarlane, the new Guinness chairman, that the transfer of the day-to-day leadership of the giant brewing and spirits group should be achieved smoothly.

Mr Tennant is deputy group chief executive at Grand Metropolitan and highly rated in the City. He heads the shortlist of candidates prepared by the Guinness board for the chief executive position.

Meanwhile, Mr Bill Bain, the head of Guinness's highly secretive management consultants, Bain & Co, checked out of Claridge's over the weekend apparently without seeing Sir Norman.

Mr Bain had flown into London in a personal bid to retain his Boston-based consultancy's highly profitable business with Guinness, after the enforced resignation of Bain's Mr Olivier Roux as finance director. Guinness has been paying Bain far more than the £5 to £8 million a year previously estimated.

Tories intend overall policy for countryside

By Philip Webster and John Young

A comprehensive policy for the countryside aimed at improving the employment, housing, educational and recreational opportunities in rural areas is expected to be a central plank of the Conservative Party's appeal to the electorate at the next general election.

Mr Michael Jopling, the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, has won the backing of his Cabinet colleagues to draw up proposals aimed at helping farmers to take land out of production, including financial incentives for the planting of thousands of acres of woodlands.

A cautious relaxation of planning controls to allow the development of redundant agricultural land and buildings, but preventing the development of top-quality land, will be foreshadowed in a policy document to be issued soon by Mr Jopling.

He is likely to outline some of his plans at tomorrow's annual meeting of the National Farmers' Union, which is putting strong pressure on him to do more to help the industry cope with European Community moves to curb surpluses.

The plan for the countryside has been put forward by one of the key groups set up by Mrs Margaret Thatcher to draft ideas for inclusion in the general election manifesto.

While it has been deliberating, a similar government exercise has been going on. Against initial opposition from Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment, and the Treasury, but with the strong support of Lord Young, Secretary of State for Employment, Mr Jopling has been trying at meetings of a special Cabinet committee chaired by Mrs Thatcher to win backing for his plans.

Originally it had been expected that a White Paper would be published. But the decision last week was to publish a policy document on the Government's intentions.

The rural affairs group, chaired by Mr Jopling, has been studying the twin problems of the decline of the rural economy, with the drift of population out of small villages, and the crisis for agriculture caused by growing over-production and the need for hundreds of thousands of acres to be taken out of production.

The group has reached the conclusion that the present restrictions on the smallest kinds of developments are no longer supportable if the countryside is to be able to offer its residents anything like the facilities available in the towns.

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It has proposed that farm buildings which have gone out of use should be able to be converted into premises for small manufacturing or high-technology industries. Unused former farmland on the edge of villages ahould be made available for tightly restricted housing developments.

The objective is to bring more people to the villages or at least maintain the present populations so that schools, shops, bus services, doctors' surgeries and sports grounds can stay in being. Farmers, too, would be encouraged to plant forest and woods on part of their land. But the green belt would remain free from development.

It is already clear, from senior ministerial sources, that the ideas put by some other policy groups have little chance of making the manifesto.

The Labour Party also intends to make a firm commitment to improving rural opportunities in its election manifesto.

In a discussion document published last month it promised a department of rural affairs, embracing the present Ministry of Agriculture and part of the Department of the Environment. It spoke of the possibility of the countryside turning into little more than a vast dormitory cum retirement area.

Hostage family escape after overpowering man

A family of six, who were held hostage overnight by a wanted man, escaped yesterday when they managed to overpower him.

David and Carol Ward, their four children and a friend aged 12, were tied up and held at knifepoint by the man who broke into their house in Sydenham, south-east London

The man, said by Scotland Yard to be wanted for a serious offence, forced the family from their beds and into a downstairs room.

Just before midday he ordered Mr Ward to go out to buy cigarettes for him.

Mr Ward seized the opportunity to call police and on his return he and his wife attacked the man and managed to escape.

During the fight the man suffered serious stab wounds. He was arrested after he staggered out of the house in Newlands Park.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Telecom dispute nears peace deal

The strike by British Telecom engineers which has lasted two weeks was last night inching towards a settlement.

Negotiators from both sides were meeting for the second time after Telecom made a revised pay offer.

The offer, believed to be a two-year pay and productivity package worth almost 12 per cent, was described by negotiators for the National Communications Union as "not good enough" when they reported to their executive just after lunchtime.

But they went back for more talks later in the afternoon after being assured by management that another meeting would be "worth their while".

The engineers have been demanding a 10 per cent pay rise, without any changes in working practices, which they say should be negotiated separately.

Portrait fund

Nearly 300 MPs are being invited to pay up to £100 each to appear in an "alternative' painting of the present *House of Commons*. The MPs those not included in the painting by Miss June Mendoza commissioned by the Commons.

Mr Mark Lennox-Boyd, a government whip, has written to each of the MPs saying: "I believe that if a substantial number of colleagues were prepared to *pay a subscription of up to* £100, a picture could be commissioned.·

Sellafield strike

Work on Europe's largest construction site, the £1.3 billion Thorp reprocessing plant project at Sellafield, is *expected to* stop today.

Three hundred joiners, who went on strike on Friday about overtime bonuses, will set up a picket line to stop men employed by Balfour Beatty Fairclough going to work.

But the Sellafield reprocessing plant itself, which *has been closed because of* a leaking pipe, should be open later this week.

Chef faces charge

A *man* was charged last *night in connection with the* disappearance for five days of two Birmingham schoolboys.

West Midlands police said that Kenneth Nairn, aged 48, an unemployed chef, would appear before magistrates in the city today. They refused to specify the charge.

Latham Burke, aged 12, and Clinton Whitby, aged 14, *from Quinton, Birmingham*, were *found safe* and well at a local authority hostel in Bury, Greater Manchester, on Saturday. Police had launched a nationwide search for them.

Mr Nairn, an unemployed cook, was taken by police from Bury to Birmingham where detectives interviewed *him about the disappearance of the boys*.

Scargill rejection

Mr Arthur Scargill, leader of the National Union of Mineworkers, yesterday described British Coal demands for an agreement on extended working hours in return for 800 new jobs as "blackmail".

British Coal has said that a £90 million pit planned for Margam, West Glamorgan, will not proceed unless the NUM accepts a six-day week.

Mr Scargill said on BBC radio: "What we want to see is a reduction in the working week from five days to four with no increase in the number of hours worked per day."

Heart woman dies

Mrs Maureen Ridley, who received a second heart transplant on Monday, died in a Newcastle upon Tyne hospital yesterday.

The delay in finding a suitable heart is believed by doc*tors to* have been a key factor in her death.

Mrs Ridley, aged 44, of Whitehall Road, Gateshead, had her first heart transplant last August but it began failing last month. The donor of her second heart, Mr Paul William, aged 18, of Ebbw Vale, was killed in a road accident.

Hattersley defies Tories to fight tax cuts poll

By David Smith
and Philip Webster

Although a 25p standard rate of income tax is "temptingly within range" for the Chancellor, according to forecasters, Mr Roy Hattersley yesterday repeated his pledge to reverse any tax cuts made in next month's Budget.

Mr Hattersley, the shadow chancellor, speaking at his party's local government conference in Leeds, challenged the Government to fight the general election on the issue of tax cuts.

Goldman Sachs' *UK Economics Analyst*, published today, says *Mr Nigel Lawson* will have between £3 billion and £3.5 billion for tax cuts in the Budget on March 17. A 4p reduction in the basic rate of income tax, to 25p, is "*temptingly within range*".

However, the brokers say, such a strategy would be a risky one. "While this would be perfectly feasible, it might look too much like an electoral 'bribe' and could worry the financial markets."

Goldman Sachs expect the Chancellor to restrict himself to £2.5 billion to £3 billion of tax cuts, probably reducing *the basic rate to 27p*.

Mr Hattersley told his Leeds audience: "If the Chancellor has £4 billion to spend, there are a dozen better uses for the money.

"*That the Chancellor will* neverthless make tax cuts is a mark of Tory desperation as well as of Conservative cynicism. That is the certain way to create new jobs - in Cologne and Tokyo."

Suggesting that an election might be only three months away, he said that for a government gambling its future on the race between *polling* day and economic crisis the temptation to cut and run in the spring must now be almost irresistible.

The price to be paid, Labour's deputy leader said, was "a continuation of the disastrous economic strategy within which the Government is now imprisoned."

A 2p reduction in the basic income tax rate is the central expectation *of the* stockbrokers James Capel, in its *UK Economic Assessment*, published today.

But such a move should only be made if an early election is planned, James Capel says. A balanced package is called for if the election is delayed, the brokers argue.

This would include a reduction in the basic rate of only 1p in the pound, a 1 per cent reduction in employers' national insurance contributions and a raising of the VAT threshold to £50,000.

"A more balanced package would, over the next two years, raise growth, lower inflation, unemployment and the PSBR with all the obvious political benefits and leave the Government's electoral options open."

The next indication of the size of the Chancellor's room for manoeuvre will be a week tomorrow with the public sector borrowing figures for January.

Although some of Mr Hattersley's colleagues are uneasy about entering an election campaign with a promise to raise taxes, senior Labour figures believe there is considerable electoral gain in portraying the Government as racing to the polls.

Thatcher is firm on no post-election dealing

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister is opposed to any electoral deals if the Conservatives win the most seats but no overall majority at the next general election.

According to senior government sources, she will not even countenance an agreement with the Ulster Unionists if the price has to be a bargain over the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Instead, as the largest party, the Conservatives would form the government, eschew any horse-trading and proceed with an electoral programme, challenging the other parties to defeat them and force another election.

Mrs Thatcher, who is backed in her uncompromising stance by Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, is taking the same line as Mr Neil Kinnock, who has made plain that he will form a government if he wins the largest number of seats and not attempt a deal with the Alliance.

Even if the Government is a *few seats short of an overall* majority — a position in which a deal with another smaller party could keep it in office for several years — it will not be tempted to reach *an accommodation with the* Unionists, senior sources maintain.

. Ministers would like the Unionists to return to the Tory fold, but they are not prepared to give up the painfully negotiated pact. They accept that any move to water it down in those circumstances would be regarded as the height of cynicism, and electorally damaging in any possible early poll that followed.

Senior ministers are contemptuous of any idea of a formal deal with the Alliance, or the SDP part of it, but in the event of a minority Tory government they do not take it for granted that they would immediately be voted down by the Alliance or smaller parties like the Unionists.

"The lobby doors will be open on our side", a senior government source said.

Conservative strategists are planning to build on the apparent divergence in view between Dr David Owen and Mr David Steel over the role of Mrs Thatcher *in a hung* Parliament.

The belief is that if the election appeared to be a tight-run affair the two Alliance leaders would be constantly asked whom they were prepared to work with, and in the end a split would appear.

Dr Owen said in a television interview last weekend that Mr Steel had gone too far in suggesting that it would be almost impossible for them to work together in a hung Parliament.

Despite the refusal of Mrs Thatcher and her most senior colleagues to contemplate a pact, many politicians believe that they might eventually be forced into one if their Queen's speech was defeated *in a minority government*.

If no party gains an overall majority the Queen goes to the leader of the largest and requests the formation of a government. But if that leader, Mrs Thatcher or Mr Kinnock, then failed to win the confidence of the House for their programme, the Queen would have to dissolve Parliament or invite another leader, perhaps in association with another party, to form a government.

Mr Kinnock has ruled out a coalition with the Alliance. He said in an interview last year that a Labour government would go ahead with its political programme and challenge the Alliance to vote it out of office, causing a second general election. "If they want, on a confidence vote, to wreck that programme of reconstruction, it's on their own heads. I think democracy then has got to be given a second chance to make this judgement."

Musing on his new role as Master of Peterhouse College, Cambridge, the Reverend *Professor Henry Chadwick* — who was made Fellow of Magdalene in 1979, 40 years after entering the college as a music scholar — said yesterday he plans no radical reforms. To talk of raising the college's academic standards would ,he said, be absurd (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

No interference from the new Master

By John Clare
Education Correspondent

Dr Henry Chadwick, formerly dean of Christ Church, Oxford, is to become Master of Peterhouse College, Cambridge, so completing a rare Oxbridge double. He succeeds Lord Dacre (the historian Hugh Trevor-Roper) who has reached the college's statutory retiring age of 73.

Dr Chadwick, aged 66, a distinguished theologian, has divided his life almost equally between the two universities. *During the past 40 years, he* has spent 20 years at each and been regius professor of divinity at both.

However, Cambridge has always had the slight edge. He won a music scholarship there after Eton and spent what he calls his "salad days" at Magadalene. "It was Magdalene that first encouraged me and put up with my undergraduate follies," he said, adding that the follies were "nothing too indiscreet".

He became professor of divinity at Oxford in 1959 and dean of Christ Church in 1969, a job sometimes described as "the best this side of Paradise" and one which, as Dr Chadwick recalled yesterday , he could have held until he "dropped dead".

In fact, he left after 10 years to become professor of divinity at Cambridge. "I wanted to write books, which I have done," Dr Chadwick said, "and I thought it was against the interests of Christ Church that one man should be head for a very, very long time."

He said he was greatly honoured to have been invited by the 28 Fellows of Peterhouse to take on the six-year assignment of being Master of the oldest college in Cambridge. He acknowledged that it might slow up his writing but, on the other hand, the Fellows had made clear that they did not want an interfering Master.

"There are no great reforming tasks to be undertaken," Dr Chadwick said. "It would be absurd, for example, to talk of raising *academic standards* at Peterhouse". However, he did seem worried about money, saying that the pay rise which lecturers have just been awarded was "not golden news for colleges".

Dr Chadwick said the example of Lord Franks, who has been provost both of Queen's College and Worcester at Oxford, showed that "one can serve two colleges in one's lifetime". He would identify with Peterhouse in future.

Conservative Party campaign

Mail shots reap rich reward

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

The Conservative Party expects to have recruited 10,000 new members by the middle of next month as a result of its direct mail operation begun last September.

At the same time it has attracted some 35,000 cash donations, bringing a six-figure sum into the party's coffers.

The success of the operation has surprised and delighted party chiefs, who believe it could lead to a transformation of the party's finances.

The move originally began as a communications exercise but the surge in membership, now standing at more than a million, and the cash are huge bonuses.

The early test-mailing shots brought in 5,000 new members. The figure of new recruits now stands at well over 6,000, and when the results from the latest much larger shots have been processed the figure for new members is confidently expected to be well over 10,000. Party chiefs have set themselves the target of finding 100,000 new donors.

More than half a million letters are now going out from Central Office and the number of people reached is approaching *1.5 million*. The main recipients so far have been British Telecom shareholders, who have received letters contrasting government policy with Labour plans to take privatized industries into social ownership.

A similar exercise is likely with the shareholders of British Gas, once the shareholders' list is available.

Each month some 80,000 young householders are being contacted.

Strategists see the opportunity of broadening the financial base *of the party. Close to* an election, the party has an income of some £5 million a year but the figure tends to drop dramatically in the early years after a poll.

A computerised list of donors held at the party's Smith Square headquarters has opened up the possibility of both an increased and more regular income.

Labour in attack on councils

By Our Chief Political Correspondent

The Audit Commission report criticizing the management *performance* of eight London councils was partly inspired by moderate provincial Labour leaders to clear the name of local government, it was disclosed yesterday.

Mr John Banham, the controller of the independent commission, was approached unofficially by Labour councillors who feared that the poor public image of London boroughs such as Brent, Islington and Lambeth would stain the reputation of the whole local government service.

The surprise disclosure, which will embarrass some Labour council leaders, is made by Mr Banham in an interview in this week's *Municipal Journal*.

He states that there were two groups urging the commission, the independent watchdog, to examine the management problems of London. One was the Association of London Authorities.

"The *second group* — although they won't own up to it publicly — are actually the leaders of the most deprived authorities outside London. I am talking here about the leaders of Sandwell, *Birmingham*, Newcastle and so forth."

He was approached unofficially by councillors concerned about the public *perception of local* government, he said.

Mr Banham's report, published last month, highlighted severe social and economic problems facing the capital. He said that part of the *blame* fell on eight Labour-run councils whose alleged mismanagement has put them on the brink of financial crisis.

● The Labour Party yesterday launched its counter-attack against the attempt *by the* Conservative Party to make the activities of hard-left Labour councils a central issue of the general election.

Mr Roy *Hattersley*, Labour's deputy leader, called on his party to go on the offensive over its record in local government.

In a speech to the Labour local government *conference* in Leeds, Mr Hattersley warned Labour councils that their spending would not be allowed to rise unchallenged under a Labour government *despite its plan to* remove spending financed from the rates from the present system of expenditure controls.

Standards must rise says Baker

By Our Political Reporter

All children will be tested in *basic subjects at regular stages* throughout their school careers as part of Conservative third-term plans to raise educational standards, Mr Kenneth Baker said yesterday.

Claiming it had become "unfashionable" to test pupils for fear of dividing them into "winners and losers", the Secretary of State for Education and Science said that "absurd" attitude had to change.

His remarks to the annual conference of the Young Conservatives, in Scarborough, confirmed a report in *The Times* last month that ministers were considering widespread testing of pupils as part of a radical overhaul of the state education system.

Mr Baker made his proposal for a common national curriculum for all maintained schools the centrepiece of his package of reforms. "There will be a common standard across the country", he said.

His robust speech confirmed the impression given by the Prime Minister on Saturday that the Conservatives intend to make education a major issue at the next election.

Plans to give schools control over their budgets and to extend parent power were, he said, vital elements in his package of reforms.

Mr Baker said he would shortly be introducing a "business awareness" course into secondary schools to help children to understand how wealth was created.

Young Tories seek hooligans purge

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Factional wrangling within the youth wing of the Conservative Party erupted at the weekend with a call from one of its leading figures for a purge of right-wing "hooligans".

Mr Richard Fuller, chairman of the Young Conservatives, said that his organization was bearing the brunt of the decision by Mr Norman Tebbit, Conservative Party chairman, to wind-up the Federation of Conservative Students (FCS).

The extremists among the right-wing libertarian faction that dominated the defunct student body were now resurfacing in the Young Conservatives, which has traditionally been controlled by the left of the party.

"When they were in the federation, the party shut down the FCS because they thought that was the way to solve the problem," Mr Fuller said outside the auditorium at the Young Conservatives annual conference in Scarborough.

"Some of these people have moved into the Young Conservatives and attempted to start the same antics. The real answer to these sort of people — if the party is really concerned about their equivalent of the Militant Tendency — is to kick them out.

"I'm just sad the party doesn't stand up to them and lets these *hooligans run riot*. They should be expelled from the Conservative Party."

Mr Fuller's appeal came against a background of two days of at times heated debate in which the left and the right clashed acrimoniously.

The libertarians flexed their muscles in stormy exchanges over the Anglo-Irish agreement, which was opposed by the federation.

A motion supporting government policy split the meeting on a show of hands and was only carried by 440 votes to 300 on a secret ballot.

During the debate on capital punishment, right-wingers chanted "String 'em up, string 'em up, string 'em up" after delegates voted for a national referendum on its return.

Mr Mark MacGregor, last year's chairman of the federation and a member of the West Hertfordshire branch of the Young Conservatives, said that the conference was "more political" than ever before and there had been a "distinct shift" to the right.

The winding-up of the federation had galvanized right-wingers who were now joining the Young Conservatives.

Mr MacGregor said that he was involved in operating a right-wing "caucus" within the organization, aimed at breaking the control of the "wets".

He said of the Young Conservatives: "We would like it to become a campaigning Thatcherite organization because frankly most of the *people who are current* national officers do not like the Prime Minister, her style or her policies."

Talks plea to halt prison row

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs
Correspondent

The Home Office has called for wide-ranging discussions in an attempt to avert the threat of a damaging confrontation with the Prison Officers' Association over the biggest shake-up in the service since the war.

Mr Eric Caines, director of personnel and finance in the Prison Department, speaking on the eve of a POA national delegate conference to be held tomorrow, expressed "regret that the national executive committee [of the POA] has instructed branches not to cooperate with the review exercises".

Mr Caines said he wants everyone to join in and influence the outcome of discussions about change.

However, the POA leadership goes into the conference strongly critical of the department's proposals, which make it clear that officers' overtime would be abolished, although higher basic pay would be offered.

The conflict with the POA leadership is most acute over a leaflet headed "20 things you may not know about Fresh Start", the title officially given *to the proposals* for change, which Mr Caines says was circulated from POA headquarters.

The document claims that officers could be asked to work a double shift from 0600 to 2200 hours. The department says that the actual length of shifts would be determined locally.

Car overturns

Miss Marina Ogilvy, aged 20, Princess Alexandra's daughter, was treated in hospital at Llandudno for shock after her car overturned in a road accident near Glan Conway in North Wales last Thursday, it was learnt yesterday.

Charities in food dispute

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

The Ministry of Agriculture admitted yesterday that it had differences of opinion with charities responsible for distributing surplus food from intervention stores.

The admission came only days after Mr Michael Jopling, Secretary of State for Agriculture, praised the charities, which include the Red Cross and the Salvation Army, *for their organizational efficiency*, and claimed that Britain was ahead of the rest of Europe in getting the food out of cold stores and prepared for distribution. ·

Ministry officials rejected a report that only six tonnes of beef had so far been distributed in Britain, compared with 479 tonnes in France. Although only 10 or 11 tonnes had been moved out of storage, the Salvation Army alone had requested 41 tonnes.

The officials denied reports that the scheme was ill-prepared and inadequate, and that the food was reaching only a small minority of the aged and the poor.

The scheme is to be extended this week to include milk and cheese.

'Loyalists' step up incendiary attack

By Richard Ford

Attacks by "loyalist" paramilitaries caused up to Ir£2 million (£2.08 million) damage *to shops and business* premises in Dublin and border towns in the Irish Republic yesterday.

The outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters (UFF) launched *the latest attack against* the Anglo-Irish agreement just as the north was becoming an issue in the Republic's general election campaign.

In a series of attacks on *businesses in the capital* and three towns in Co Donegal, the terrorists planted incendiary devices which ignited causing extensive property damage, but no injuries.

In a telephone call to the BBC in Belfast, the terrorist group, suspected of being a flag of convenience for the "loyalist" Ulster Defence Association, claimed responsibility for planting the devices.

The group, which planted four similar incendiaries in Dublin last November, said it attacked the businesses and a cinema because of the Republic's support for the Anglo-Irish agreement. It said there would be further attacks in the south.

The UFF alleged 12 incendiaries had been planted in Dublin and six in Co Donegal. But as only eight were found a *big search of premises* in both areas took place

The worst damage occurred at a draper's store at Letterkenny, Co Donegal, 25 miles from the border, where an early morning fire started by an incendiary caused structural damage and destroyed stock. The damage was put at up to £Ir 1 million.

The attacks in Co Donegal occurred three hours after two ushers at a cinema in O'Connell Street, Dublin, found a device after smoke was seen coming from a gentlemens' toilet. The device, consisting of *a battery* attached to a wrist watch, was hidden in a brown envelope.

● Mrs Alice Farley, aged 71, the mother of a part-time soldier in the Ulster Defence Regiment, died yesterday six weeks after being shot in the leg and thigh in an Irish National Liberation Army attack on her home.

● The latest victim of INLA feuding, Tony McCluskey, aged 32, who was tortured before being shot dead by former colleagues, was buried in Armagh City yesterday.

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MEPs battle to lead conservatives

By Alan Wood

Three British MEPs and one from Denmark eare seek*ing the leadership of the* European Democratic (Conservative) Group in the European Parliament following the election of Sir Henry Plumb, group leader since 1982, as President of the Parliament.

Voting takes place in Brussels on Wednesday at the group's annual meeting, and the outcome is difficult to predict.

There are 62 MEPs in the group: 45 Conservatives from the UK, four Danes and 13 Spaniards. Recently Mr John Taylor, the Ulster Unionist, resigned from the group in protest at the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Two of the three deputy leaders of the group (there is one from each country) have entered the fray.

One is Sir Fred Catherwood, MEP for Cambridge and Bedfordshire North, who is a former director-general of the National Economic Development Council. The other is Mr Claus Toksvig.

They are joined by Lady Elles (Thames Valley) and Mr Christopher Prout (Shropshire and Stafford), who as chief whip has marshalled the group since 1983. Lady Elles, was a *vice-president of the* European Parliament from 1982 until Sir Henry Plumb's election to the presidency.

Victory for one of the UK Conservatives brings with it leadership of the British contingent. Under the wheeling and dealing system that seems to thrive at the European Parliament, Sir Henry's election, assessed as equal to two vice-presidencies (of the parliament) automatically meant that Lady Elles lost her appointment.

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Police start inquiry into fatal shooting at London museum

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

An internal police inquiry has begun into an incident at a central London museum on Friday in which a police officer opened fire and killed a man armed with a sawn-off shotgun during a robbery.

Five men arrested after the raid are to appear at Clerkenwell Magistrates Court today. A sixth man arrested at the weekend was later released without charge.

A senior police commander said after the shooting that the sergeant who opened fire had acted within police guidelines. Dennis Bergin, aged 26, also known as Dennis Regan, died early on Saturday after being wounded twice in the chest.

Scotland Yard is expected to announce details today of the opening of an inquest which will investigate the circumstances of the shooting.

Mr Richard Wells, deputy assistant commissioner, the officer in charge of the police area where the incident took place, said officers were lying in wait inside and near the Sir John Soane's Museum, Lincoln's Inn Fields, where it was suspected that a gang was going to steal art treasures.

Mr Wells said that cars drew up and a number of men went to the door of the museum which had earlier been cleared of visitors. One of the men rang the doorbell and the door was opened by a plainclothes officer. There were two uniformed officers behind him, both carrying revolvers.

Mr Wells said that the gang then pushed forward. "Bergin was shouting violent threats and brandishing a shotgun. The action, and this is the important thing to stress, lasted in total but seconds."

He said no shots were fired by Mr Bergin. Three shots were fired by the sergeant, aged 31, who was described as experienced and mature.

Mr Wells said: "The sergeant shouted two warnings, the first to his colleagues, 'Down, down'. Almost instantaneously with his firing the first two shots, he shouted 'Armed police'."

Mr Wells said: "Both shots were aimed at Dennis Bergin and the second man who was carrying in his outstretched hand an object which the sergeant took to be another firearm." The second man received treatment for a wound to his arm.

The internal police inquiry is being conducted by Det Supt Michael Colston, of Scotland Yard.

The fatality is the first involving the shooting of an alleged criminal in an incident in London since 1979. It is not clear whether the officers involved, from the Holborn area, were part of a new corps of specialist marksmen employed on police divisions. Officers from D11, the specialist firearms section, advised on tactics.

The five to appear in court today are charged with conspiracy to rob and possession of a shortened shotgun with the intention of committing robbery. They include George Joseph Bergin, aged 23, of Ealing, west London, who is believed to be a relative of the dead man.

The other four are Lee Vernon Frailing and Derek Smith, both aged 22, both of Northolt, north London, Michael Edward Lyons, aged 28, of Hanwell, west London, and William Ian McSkimmings, aged 27, address unknown.

Patients 'cannot afford medicine'

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Patients often fail to take the medicine they need because they cannot afford multiple prescriptions, pharmacists claimed this weekend.

The Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee (PSNC), which acts on behalf of pharmacists throughout the country, has now written to Mr Anthony Newton, the Minister for Health, urging the Government to set up a national inquiry into the take-up of prescriptions.

Mr David Sharpe, the chairman of the PSNC, said yesterday that he had received several reports that patients were rejecting medical treatment because they could not afford it. Prescription charges are £2.20 for each item and many people are faced with bills for £6.60 or more for a common ailment.

"A patient will go to a pharmacist with three prescriptions to help with flu or bronchial infections. He will take one or two and then ask the pharmacist whether he really needs the others. It puts us in an invidious position," Mr Sharpe said.

Mr John Kirby, a pharmacist in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, said that the high charges also affected those who could qualify for free prescriptions but had failed to get the necessary forms.

"In one case a middle-aged woman, whose husband had just been made redundant, came in with a prescription for hypertension. She was prescribed two lots of tablets, but said she could only afford to take one sort and left the other," he said.

Although he was concerned there was little he could do, Mr Kirby said. The woman did not live locally and she came in when it would have been difficult to raise a doctor.

On another occasion a student had come in with a prescription for antibiotics, decongestant tablets and cough mixture for a bronchial infection. She said she could not afford all the items, and asked which Mr Kirby would recommend.

"It is not in the best interests of the patient that financial considerations are affecting a recommended course of treatment," Mr Sharpe said.

The PSNC is concerned that prescription charges next year are likely to rise by more than the rate of inflation, which would make the problem worse, and has urged Mr Newton to freeze charges.

'Give Aids to soap character'

A television soap opera character should contract Aids to help to promote the Government's warnings about the killer disease, according to Lord Young of Dartington, chairman of the Health Information Trust.

The trust, an independent charity which runs the Heathline telephone information service, today publishes a report which claims that the effectiveness of the Government's television campaign is being seriously undermined by the programmes which follow.

According to Lord Young and Dr Tony Flower, his coauthor, "the characters do not seem to be paying much attention to what the DHSS has just told them". They say that it is therefore "highly desirable that one of the serialized characters in *EastEnders* should contract Aids to make it all more realistic".

The BBC said yesterday that although the subject of Aids had already been worked into the conversations of characters in *EastEnders*, there were no plans for anyone to contract the disease. Scriptwriters for Granada's *Coronation Street* did not visualize any Aids victims being created, either.

However, the Department of Health and Social Security said that the Government would support any attempt to give its health message a bigger audience through the soaps.

The trust's report also says that the impact of even major advertising campaigns soon wears off. The authors point to the Government's admission in 1983 that the "Clunk-Click" campaign to promote seat belts had failed to bring any lasting improvement.

They conclude: "If there is no reliance on legislation, it is all the more vital that everything possible should be done to persuade people to change their behaviour".

● Mr Richard Ottaway, Conservative MP for Nottingham North, is backing a campaign by prostitutes in his constituency for all vice girls to undergo compulsory screening for the Aids virus. The campaign is being launched after it was established that four Nottingham prostitutes had contracted the virus.

Aids -Beyond the Adverts (Health Information Trust, 18 Victoria Park Square, London E2 9PF, £1.50).

Remand move criticized by Law Society

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Government proposals to abolish the rule that remand prisoners must be brought before a court every eight days are criticized by the Law Society today as likely to increase, rather than save, legal aid costs, and to undermine confidence in the criminal justice system.

The Government wants to replace eight-day remands with 28-day remands, but that would mean fewer chances for solicitors to interview clients at court, the society says.

"Instead, they will have to travel to the prison to do so and legal aid costs will go up."

In response to a Home Office consultation paper on remand and custody, the society says it costs £225 a week to keep a remand prisoner in custody. "The prison remand population has already increased by 3,000 to 8,500 over the past three years.

The society says that removing the pressure for prisoners to be brought to court every eight days could lead to the "hard-pressed" Crown Prosecution Service simply shelving matters.

"It would be regrettable if an important question of principle affecting the liberty of the subject were put at issue for the sake of over-estimated and speculative savings."

Tough action urged on drunk drivers

Campaigners against drinking and driving have called on the Government to get tough with drunken motorists who kill or main.

The Campaign Against Drinking and Driving (CADD) wants random breath tests, stiffer penalties, and no extension of licensing hours.

Campaign leaders, who are today meeting Mr Douglas Hogg, Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, claim victims and their families are being forced to bring private prosecutions to obtain justice.

The campaign has submitted a detailed report to the Home Secretary claiming that drunken motorists who kill are too often charged only with drink-driving or careless driving, instead of causing death by reckless driving.

Bosses told to smile

The Industrial Society has put employers under orders to greet their workers with a smile this morning. A booklet published by the society says that managers and supervisors must teach by example.

Miss Frances Sacker, the booklet's author, says: "If bosses are rude on the phone, then staff will be rude on the phone. If bosses shout at the staff, then staff shout at customers. But a smile from the manager to workers on the shop floor or in the office usually means employees smile as well."

Complaints should also be welcomed, because dissatisfied customers tell between nine and 13 people each about their bad experience.

Customer Care (Industrial Society, 3 Carlton House Tarrce, London SW1Y 5DG, price £4).

Chemical computer 'brain' backed

By Robert Matthews

The Government is about to launch a multi-million pound project to build a chemical computer that will operate in the same way as the human brain.

Electronics companies and universities are to collaborate under the project, called the Molecular Electronics Research Initiative (Meri), to develop the basic components of the computer, which will combine vast memory with rapid operation.

According to Professor Gareth Roberts, director of research at Thorn-EMI and one of the driving forces behind Meri, biologists will work with electronics experts to "engineer" carbon-based chemicals that can replace electronic components now made from silicon.

He said that because such chemicals can interact at the molecular level, they hold the promise of enormous computing power in a very small space, like the human brain.

Instead of solving one problem at a time, like most of today's computers, the molecular computer would have the structure to work on many problems simultaneously, making it extremely fast.

Professor Roberts admits that a working model of the computer may be 20 years off yet, but claims that there will be many spin-offs on the way, in the form of improved electronics components.

The Japanese have also been quick to realize the potential of molecular electronics and are known to be working on developing a chemical computer.

Such competition appears to have provided the spur to the Department of Trade and Industry to make Meri the first project to benefit from funding under the Link scheme, launched by the Government last December to help the Britain reap the benefits from its own innovations.

Squadron Leader Hare at his parents' home in Fifield, Oxfordshire, yesterday with his daughter Sarah, aged two, after he criticized RAF policy (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

Grounded ace expects flak

By Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent

One of the RAF's most talented fighter pilots fully expects to be carpeted by senior officers today after his unprecedented public complaint about being grounded and sent to a desk job.

They will decide if Squadron Leader Mark Hare, a Harrier pilot recently awarded the Air Force Cross for outstanding flying ability,and who was mentioned in despatches for distinguished service in the Falklands campaign, has breached Queen's Regulations.

Squadron Leader Hare, who has been in the service for 14 years, claims that the RAF has "vindictively and cynically" ruined his career by forcing him to do a desk job "shuffling bits of paper and dealing in trivia".

Yesterday Squadron Leader Hare, at aged 31 the youngest Harrier pilot to hold the rank, anticipated the reaction that his outspoken remarks will generate from senior officers.

"You could say they will be more than mildly irritated. My life is going to be deeply unpleasant.

Squadron Leader Hare was posted from No 3 Squadron at RAF Gütersloh, in West Germany, to a staff job at RAF Strike Command at High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, several months ago despite, he says, the objections of himself and his squadron commander.

By forcing him to stay for a further three years in a desk job he says the RAF is ruining his chances of securing a flying job with a commercial airline company.

Air Commodore Sandy Hunter, director of RAF public relations, denied that the RAF was vindictive in its policy of retaining pilots who wish to leave and consigning them to desk jobs. He said three years was the minimum time to find and train a replacement.

MPs gain Denning's support on sentencing

By Philip Webster

Lord Denning, the former Master of the Rolls, has lent his support to the campaign by Conservative backbenchers to give the prosecution the right to appeal against lenient court sentences.

In the wake of public disquiet over the sentences passed last week in the Ealing vicarage rape case, some Conservative MPs are planning this week to attempt to strengthen the provisions of the Criminal Justice Bill, now in its Commons standing committee stage.

The Bill provides for the Attorney General to refer controversially lenient sentences to the Court of Appeal for review and comment, but the court would would not have power to increase the sentence.

Ministers are hopeful, in the climate of renewed concern over lenient sentences, of getting the review procedure through both Houses of Parliament this time, although there will be opposition in the legal profession.

But now some MPs want the Court of Appeal to have power to increase sentences after prosecution appeal.

Lord Denning said yesterday that judges, in their sentencing, should reflect public opinion, and it was perfectly plain after recent cases that they had not always succeded in doing that. It might now well be right for the appeal court to review a sentence and, if it was thought too lenient, increase it.

The Prime Minister said at the Young Conservatives' conference on Saturday : "There is a feeling in the country that some of the sentences being passed in the courts are too lenient in relation to the crime committed."

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Portfolio —Gold—

Journalist rushed to telephone

Mr Robin Burton, a former London correspondent of the *Mauritius Times*, was the sole winner of Saturday's daily Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mr Burton, aged 52, of West Hampstead, north London, discovered he had won while checking his Portfolio numbers over a lunchtime drink.

He said: "It was fantastic. I checked my numbers and had quickly to find a telephone."

Mr Burton has been a reader of *The Times* for more than 20 years and has played Portfolio Gold since the game started. He is married, with a daughter who is a student in London.

He said: "I shall share the money with my wife and daughter. There are no plans for an exotic holiday or anything like that."

There were no claimants for the weekly prize of £8,000, so the dividend goes forward to next Saturday.

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Mr Robin Burton, a former correspondent

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Future of Austin Rover: 1

Where loving the customer is part of the image

The Rover Group, formerly BL, has always courted controversy and public attention with its six-year corporate plans which go to government annually for approval. In the first of two articles, ***Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent,*** *looks at how the plan affects the Austin Rover car plants.*

Since Mrs Margaret Thatcher appointed Mr Graham Day as chairman of Rover Group last May, he has been preparing a new six-year strategy for the company.

The Government has been considering Mr Day's corporate plan since before Christmas. Last week the Rover Group chairman was moved to describe his first corporate plan as a "monumental non-event".

That highlights the fact that the plan largely avoids the key issue of preparing Austin Rover for privatization which will be tackled after the forthcoming general election and that the selling-off of many subsidaries like Unipart is already in hand.

It is no coincidence that Austin Rover's main Birmingham and Oxford car plants are surrounded by marginal constituencies, nor a surprise that Mrs Thatcher can be expected to fund Mr Day's holding operation.

Austin Rover's problems are not those that produced damaging headlines week after week as Sir Michael Edwardes, then BL chairman, took on the militant unions. The days of losing 13.5 million man hours through strikes in one year, the infamous "tea break" strike and management threats to take on alternative labour on the Metro production line are now history.

The problem is that Austin Rover is a small car maker by world standards and sales in Britain have been sliding so that in 1986 its UK market share was almost half that of Ford, the market leader.

Steadily improving exports have been unable to relieve the heavy financial burden of making only 414,000 cars when the factories are capable of more than 600,000 a year.

A recovery in sales will favour the Longbridge plant at Birmingham and store up some difficult decisions for Mr Day in the next two years on how to make the Cowley factory at Oxford efficient.

Longbridge makes the Metro and Rover 200 models, and all the engines and gearboxes for the Austin Rover range that do not come from Japan or Germany.

Sparks flying as robots work on Metro bodies at Austin Rover's Longbridge assembly plant (Photograph: Graham Wood).

While the Cowley-built Maestro is struggling in the showrooms, particularly on the Continent, sales of the small Rover are booming. In 1989, a new model range, developed in collaboration with Honda and codenamed AR8, will replace the Rover and Maestro. It will further boost Longbridge's healthy workload but the Cowley South works will be left with only the Montego to build.

For the moment Mr Day can defer a decision about the South works but the loss of the Maestro will force him into a corner. It is conceiveable that the planned Rover 800 coupé, developed at the request of the American Rover importers, could be built alongside Montego, although it makes more sense to crank up the modest output on the 800 line in Cowley North works.

Rumours suggest Honda will take over Cowley South works though it is more likely that Honda will start afresh, as Nissan has in Sunderland, building an assembly or engine plant on its 350-acre site at Swindon, Wiltshire.

In 1990, Longbridge will be running down output of the 35-year-old A series Metro engine and replacing it at a cost of £100 million with the new light-weight K series engine. That advanced engine, destined for the Metro of the 1990s, will be produced on highly automated flexible machining centres which will require fewer workers, but production of the AR8 and AR6 Metro replacement model, should see the total number of workers at Longbridge only modestly reduced. The ageing *Mini*, made alongside the Metro, will be killed off by exhaust emissions legislation in 1991.

Away from the two main production plants Mr Day can be expected to take little action. The huge Swindon pressing plant is essential though there will be increasing pressure on the Tipton and Leeds foundries to be competitive

Before he takes the big decisions on how to privatize Austin Rover, there is a pressing need to improve the image of the company and its products.

Mr Day says that if you "love your customer to death you can't go far wrong" and for the moment it is the customer rather than the shopfloor that has most of his attention.

Tomorrow: Privatization prospects

Sports car market targeted

By Our Motor Industry Correspondent

A two-door Range Rover is expected to be launched soon in an attempt to boost sales among sports car drivers.

"There is sufficient evidence of interest in the concept of a sporting Range Rover that it is worth following through," the company said. A specially-prepared model, the Olympic, was shown at the Birmingham motor show last October.

The company, based at Solihull, Birmingham, is pinning its hopes on the Range Rover, which is to be launched in the United States market next month.

There is little prospect of strong growth for Land Rover as it battles Japanese competition in the expanding four-wheel-drive leisure market.

Range Rover sales rose from 13,500 to 15,000 last year, while Land Rover sales fell by a third to 21,000.

Ridley to reject Green Belt new town

By Michael Evans
Whitehall Correspondent

A controversial plan to build a small new town in the heart of rural Essex which would have driven "a coach and horses" through the Government's Green Belt policy is expected to be rejected by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment.

Already under pressure from MPs who are worried about the increase in house building in their rural constituencies in the South-east, Mr Ridley is expected to announce that London's Green Belt areas will remain sacrosanct, despite mounting protests from developers.

The new £450 million town of more than 5,000 houses, to be built on the site of Tillingham Hall, a remote 760-acre farm, near Thurrock, in Essex, had been proposed by Consortium Developments, a group of nine leading builders, including Barratt, Wimpey and Bovis.

It was to be part of a ring of up to 15 small towns in the South-east. Tillingham Hall was viewed by the developers as the first real test for the Government to change its mind over London's Green Belt.

The report on last year's planning inquiry held into the *Tillingham Hall* application landed on Mr Ridley's desk last week. The inspector is understood to have recommended rejection of the *development proposal.*

Despite the attractions of the plan put forward by Consortium Developments, who promised to build discreet *small-scale* towns blending in with the rural landscape, such a switch in Government policy was apparently viewed as too risky in the year of an election.

Mr Ridley, with the backing of the Prime Minister, is keen to rid the South-east of formal development control and to encourage new house building for owner occupation. But with an election ahead, too many votes could be lost in the Home Counties heartlands.

Recently Mr Ridley said he hoped that there would be new development in areas of greatest need, in the inner cities, and not in the Green Belt and traditional rural areas.

The Green Belt around London now extends to more than a million acres, which is larger than Hampshire. The Government's policy is to allow development in these areas only "in very special circumstances".

Main roads users 'are badly served'

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

The inadequate provision of roadside facilities on main roads is criticized by the Association of County Councils in a new report.

The report says that county councils consider there are not enough lavatories, picnic areas, telephones and overnight accommodation on primary roads.

The association is also worried by the growth of badly controlled roadside trading, damage to highway verges, fouling of laybys and other environmental problems.

The report criticizes the inadequate provision for commercial vehicles and their drivers.

The Travel Needs of Road Users: The Way to Get things Moving (Association of County Councils, 66a Eaton Square. £3.95).

Major roadworks until next Monday:

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London and South-east

The A4(M) Marylebone flyover in west London, which has been closed since January 24 for the replacement of a joint, is to remain closed for another three weeks beyond the end of February so that it can be resurfaced.

Mr Peter Bottomley, Minister for Roads and Traffic, said that it had been found that water had penetrated into the material beneath the surface of the road, which made resurfacing a matter of urgency.

M11, London: new road layout and reconstruction work continues at Redbridge roundabout.

M2, Kent: contraflow between junctions 5 and 6 (Sittingbourne/Brenley), and single-line traffic between junctions 6 and 7 (Brenley/Faversham/A2).

A1(M), Hertfordshire: lane closures between Radwell and Langley on southbound carriageway.

M275, Hampshire: flyover construction between junction with M27 and Rudmore roundabout, Portsmouth.

Midlands

M5, Hereford and Worcester: one lane open southbound and two northbound between junctions 5 and 6 (Droitwich/Worcester North). Southbound entry slip at junction 5 and southbound exit slip at junction 6 closed.

M5, West Midlands: various lane restrictions and some overnight carriageway closures between junctions 4 and 8 (Bromsgrove/M50 South Wales).

North

M61, Blacow Bridge: construction work at M6 interchange. Lane closures both directions.

M63, Greater Manchester: link road from A34 to M63 southbound reduced to single lane.

M63, Barton Bridge, Manchester: major widening scheme. Lane restrictions and slip road closures between junctions 1 and 7 (Eccles interchange/ A56 Stretford). Severe delays at times.

Wales and the West

M4: junctions 34/35 (A4119 Llantrisant/A473 Pen-y-coed), outside lane closed for carriageway repairs.

M5: junctions 24/25 (A38 Bridgewater/A358 Taunton), outside lanes of both carriageways closed on weekdays. Junctions 25/26 (A358 Taunton/A338 Wellington), hard shoulder and nearside lane closed for barrier work.

Scotland

M8, Glasgow: construction work between junctions 15 and 17 (city centre and Dumbarton).

M8: west of junction 5 (B7057 Shotts/Harthill), cats eye replacement. Nearside lane closed. Between junctions 25 and 26 (Clyde tunnel/Paisley/Renfrew), joint replacement, inside and centre lanes closed. Westbound access from Clyde tunnel at junction 25 closed.

M74: junction 6 (M73 north/A74 Glasgow east), lighting work on northbound slip from A723 (Hamilton); inside lane closed on 3,000 metres of M74.

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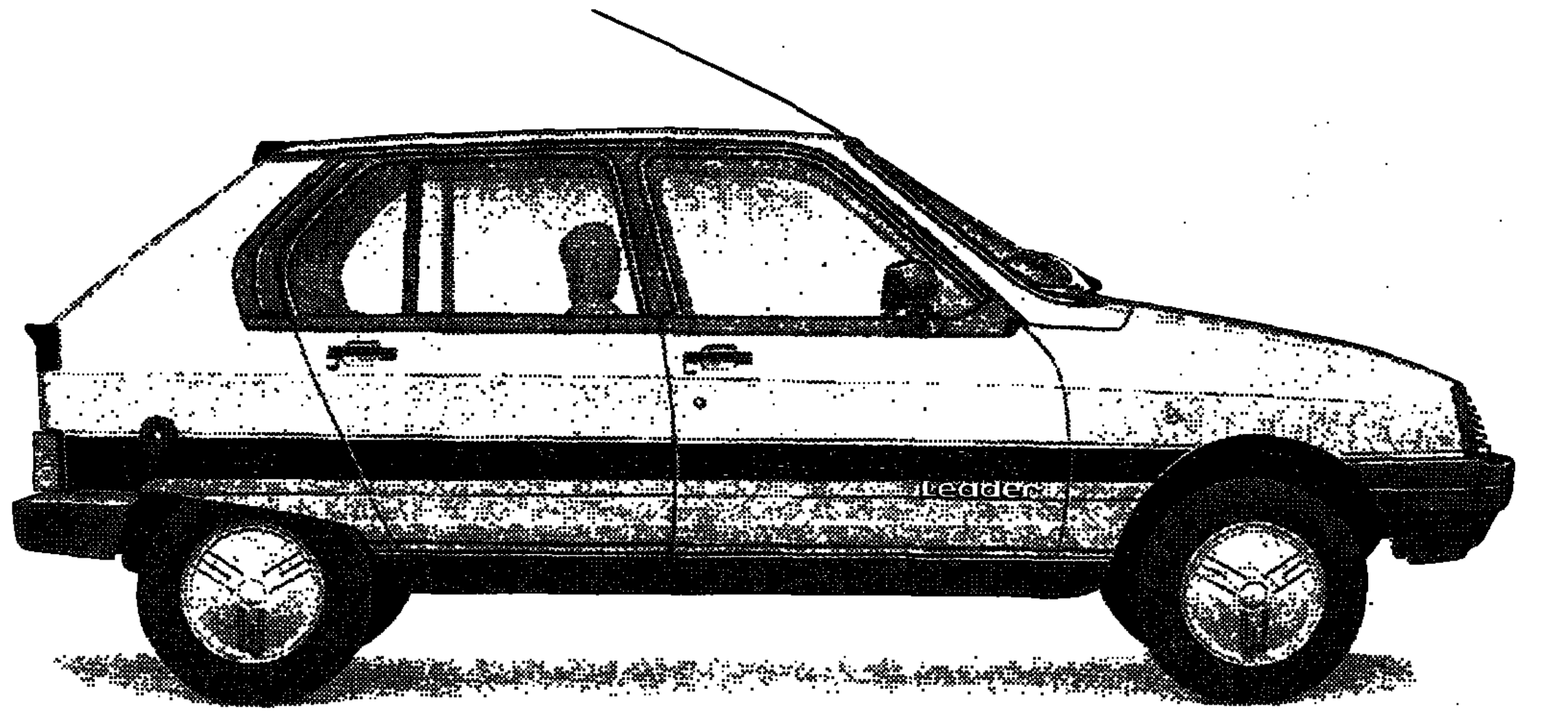

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Crown prosecution staff increase to boost efficiency

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Crown Prosecution Service, which has been criticized for incompetence and inefficiency since it took over responsibility for prosecuting crime, is to get a big increase in staffing.

The service is beset by problems caused by staff shortages, particularly in the London area, where only about 57 per cent of the necessary lawyers have so far been recruited.

Sir Michael Havers, QC, the Attorney-General, in an interview in *Counsel*, the Bar magazine, said that extra manpower should "relieve the lawyers of some of their administrative work and further help efficiency".

The Treasury has allowed for an extra 570 staff, a 15 per cent increase, making a total allocation of 4,320 for the Crown Prosecution Service and the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions. The 1987-88 budget, to cover both salaries and administrative costs, will be £112 million, compared with £103.3 million for 3,750 staff this year.

The Treasury said: "The fact that extra manpower has been provided for indicates that this is one of the department's to which the Government attaches some priority."

Sir Michael admitted that the Crown Prosecution Service, which began in London and the metropolitan counties last April and in the rest of England and Wales on October 1, was still "substantially below" its full complement of lawyers.

While 84.27 per cent of legal posts outside London have been filled, the figure in the capital is still only 57.47 per cent. Overall the figure is 77.68 per cent.

For non-lawyers in the service, it stands at 93.56 per cent overall, 94.27 per cent outside London and 92.11 per cent in London. The positions of chief and branch crown prosecutor in its 86 branches have all been filled.

Sir Thomas Hetherington, Director of Public Prosecutions, in an interview in the same publication, said that in spite of a report from management consultants which indicated much higher staffing levels would be needed, the Treasury initially underestimated staffing needs. Those "required revision almost as soon as they were settled, particularly as regards lay (non-lawyer) staff".

He said that as a result, the service had been forced to second volunteer lawyers "as a temporary expedient" to London, which had strained resources in the regions. That had also caused anxiety and some resentment among staff.

Sir Thomas said that the shortage had also meant a "substantial reliance on young members of the Bar and solicitor agents to appear on behalf of the CPS and conduct 'whole lists' in court". That had placed a "perhaps unfair burden on those who are not experienced in that type of work and (unlike new recruits to the CPS) are not specifically trained for it".

The service has also been bedevilled by staff dissatisfaction over pay and working conditions for Saturday work.

However, the service has been successful in one key aspect. Early figures show that a big number of poor cases which should not be prosecuted are being weeded out, relieving congestion in the over-burdened crown courts.

Sir Michael said in his interview that it was the discontinuing of cases, "one of the things the CPS is meant to do", which had given rise to the most complaints.

There have also been complaints of administrative muddles, lost papers, delays and bungling of cases. A spokesman for the Director of Public Prosecutions said: "The CPS prosecutes thousands of cases and inevitably among these there will be some where problems arise. That has always been so and it is wrong to put the blame always at the CPS door."

Sir Thomas said a great deal of work was still needed to close the "credibility gap". He said: "A public service can only be fully effective if it has gained the confidence of the public."

The thriving cutting of the cafe marron bush at Kew (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

'Extinct' plant waits for the spring

By Kenneth Gosling

One of the world's rarest plants is thriving under carefully controlled conditions at Kew Gardens in west London after coming through the worst of the winter.

The Cafe marron bush (*Ramosmania heterophylla*) was the subject last year of an international rescue operation when a conservation officer noticed that it was struggling to survive on the Mauritian island of Rodriguez.

Pieces of the bush were flown to Britain with the co-operation of the Mauritian Government and the Swiss-based International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources. A single cutting was propagated.

Mr Hans Fliegner, assistant curator in charge of the temperate department at Kew, said: "Having succeeded in getting it through the winter, things are now looking promising. The foliage looks beautiful and now we are waiting for more light and the growing season to start.

"We still don't know what to expect: this is the first time the bush has been away from its natural environment. We are keeping it well away from any plants that attract pests".

Up to 15% rise in rates proposed by county councils

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Many households in England and Wales will face rate increases of more than 10 per cent from April, despite Government forecasts of an average increase of 1.2 per cent.

The first indications of the likely level of increases are coming from county councils outside the main conurbations. More than a third have recommended or approved increases ranging from nil to more than 15 per cent, with an average of around eight per cent.

Last month, Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said that if local authority spending matched the assumption made in the rate support grant settlement of a 4 per cent increase, the average increase should be 1.2 per cent.

In its settlement the Government raised the grant by £1,000 million to £12,800 million, an increase of about 9 per cent.

Projected increases in the counties are nevertheless below those of the present year, when most authorities showed rate rises in double figures.

The range of increases for next year is explained both by political choice on spending and by the variation in the Government's grant distribution.

Among the authorities losing grant are Oxfordshire, whose precept is up by 15.8 per cent, Surrey (up 7.4 per cent) and Essex (up 10.8 per cent). In Essex the new rate will mean an increase of nearly £1 a week for the average householder.

In Wiltshire, the Alliance-led council voted for a 10 per cent increase. An amendment by the Conservative group to reduce the increase from 18.4p to 10p was defeated by 10 votes to eight. Members were told that by exceeding government estimates of spending, the council would lose £5 million in grant aid.

Dorset and Cornwall have increased their precepts by 9.9 per cent and 9.4 per cent respectively, while in the home counties, Buckinghamshire rates are up by 8.7 per cent and those in Cambridgeshire by 6.2 per cent. In East Sussex the rate is up by 7.75 per cent, in West Sussex by only 4.8 per cent and in Kent by 4.7 per cent.

Lincolnshire has managed to peg its increase to 4 per cent, which, according to Mr David Guttridge, leader of the council, follows "good housekeeping". The county has been helped by an increase in grant, as has Northumberland, which will be keeping its rate at the same level as the present year.

In many city areas, partly through increased grant and partly through rate-capping, rates are set to go down. There are 20 high-spending authorities, all but one Labour-controlled, subject to rate-capping: Sheffield, Gateshead, Newcastle upon Tyne, North Tyneside, Middlesborough, Brighton, Basildon, Thamesdown, Camden, Greenwich, Hackney, Islington, Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark, Tower Hamlets, Brent, Haringey, Hounslow and Newham.

Irish election

Haughey close to winning majority

Barring an unforeseen accident, Mr Charles Haughey will next month become the Prime Minister of the Irish Republic for the third time, after a general election dominated by the nation's economic crisis.

It is a tribute to his remarkable powers of survival and the failure of Dr Garret FitzGerald, his opponent, to turn round the country's finances, that the Fianna Fáil leader is on the verge of achieving an overall majority from the 2.4 million voters.

Only a dramatic resurgence of support for Fine Gael and an increase in popularity for the newly formed Progressive Democrats or an "own-goal" by Fianna Fáil can rob Mr Haughey of a mandate from the people on February 17 and election as Taoiseach when the Dail resumes on March 10.

This weekend the one issue which could damage Fianna Fáil was raised when it was accused of being ambivalent on the Anglo-Irish agreement.

Fine Gael and the Progressive Democrats demanded to know whether Mr Haughey would attempt to re-negotiate the deal, accusing him of fudging the issue. That effectively ended a gentlemen's agreement that the issue of the north and the agreement, which is perhaps Dr FitzGerald's main achievement, would not become an issue in the campaign.

It now looks as if party strategists have decided to try to wrong-foot Fianna Fáil on an issue over which many voters distrust Mr Haughey.

In a lacklustre campaign dominated by general agreement that further austerity measures are needed the electorate has been dulled by an endless repetition of economic statistic and budgetary proposals.

Unemployment at 19.4 per cent and renewed emigration running at 30,000 a year, once again haunt the Irish psyche with few families untouched by economic problems no government has been able to resolve since 1979.

The personalities of the leaders dominate campaign images with their pictures staring down from posters on telegraph poles, car windows and hoardings.

Dr FitzGerald's campaign bus is matched by Mr Haughey's and Mr O'Malley's helicopter, while Mr Dick Spring, the Labour leader, relies on a ministerial car and Mr Gerry Adams, of the Provisional Sinn Fein, on a saloon car.

Dr FitzGerald's Fine Gael party is in severe trouble with only 24 per cent support in the opinion polls. Central to his campaign is a detailed budget outlining Ir£210 million spending cuts aimed at reducing huge borrowing and debt.

His main opponents have adopted his coat of fiscal rectitude but Mr Haughey is running a minimum risk strategy by promising to keep public spending down.

His party, with 50 per cent support in the polls, is so far ahead it can afford to ask for what is effectively a "blank cheque" for what remain unspecified public spending cuts.

The two men have dominated Irish political life since the late 1970s but the remarkable popularity of Mr Desmond O'Malley, the Progressive Democrat leader, perhaps indicates that voters are bored with them and their broken promises.

The Progressive Democrats offer a mixture of right-wing economics and liberal social reform and are feeding off disillusionment with Dr FitzGerald. With 14 per cent support in the opinion polls they want to hold the balance of power.

Labour, too, is in trouble, being blamed for the harsh measures of the past four years in government, and is fighting to survive as a party with a membership of double figures in the Dail.

A new development for the electorate is the presence of Provisional Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Provisional IRA, which is fighting for the first time on a manifesto that enables it to take seats in the Dail.

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Far East profits flow from kitchen taps

A Somerset couple are earning thousand of pounds by bottling their tap water and selling it to the Far East.

Mr John Gupwell, aged 61, and his wife Erica, aged 62, moved into their house eight years ago and found it was fed directly by a natural spring.

Friends and relatives liked the taste so much they would take some home with them and six months ago the Gupwells started selling it.

They have now won an order worth an annual £10,000 to sell 156,000 litres a year to Brunei.

The water is also sold near their home at Churchstanton, in the Blackdown Hills, and elsewhere abroad where it is popular with whisky drinkers and health enthusiasts.

"They like it because it is pure and has no additives, like chlorine. It is very cold and very clear and totally natural. We decided to start selling it because all our friends and relatives saithey liked it so much," Mr Gupwell said.

Mrs Gupwell confessed: "I don't suppose there is any much different about our water from that anywhere else in the world."

The water is gravity fed direct to the house from the well, which dates from 1799. It is then put through a water purifyer to comply with EEC regulations before coming out in all the house's taps, including the bottling plant.

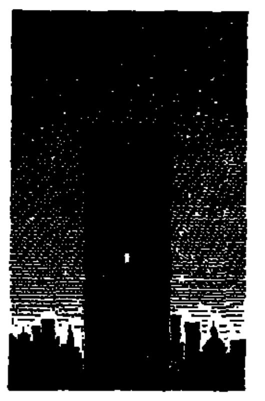
They sell the 1.5 litre bottles to retailers at 27p but it is priced higher in the shops.

Mr Gupwell, a former shop-fitter and joiner from Birmingham, said: "When we bought the place we had no idea we would end up selling the water. There is a lot of natural water around here and people don't think anything of it, they just drink it.

"But there is a lot of work involved and research so it is not just money for nothing."

Last week Mrs Gupwell went to Brunei with the first consignment of 18,000 litres of "Somerset Spring Water".

Why workaholics seldom get to the top.



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His bosses felt guilty. Had they been overworking him, they wondered.

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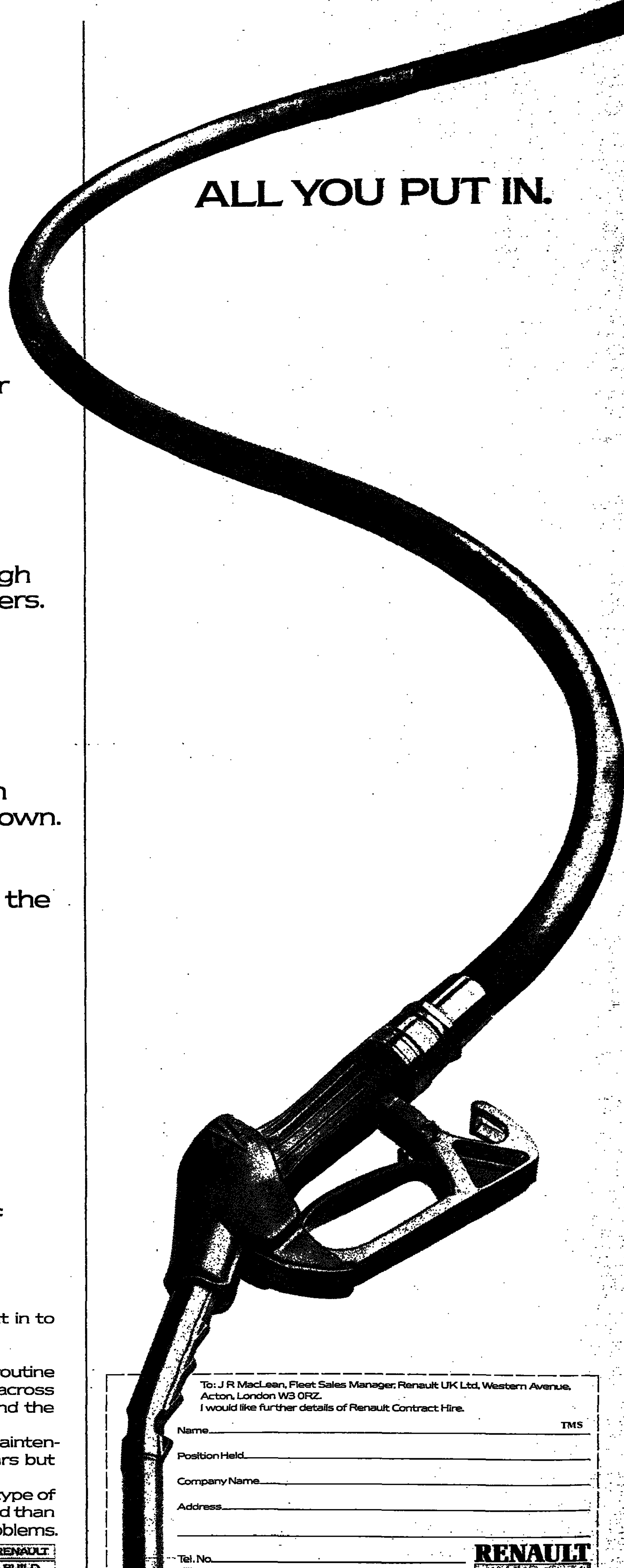

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WORLD SUMMARY

Gromyko walks into an earful

Moscow – When Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet President, went walkabout in Moscow's supermarkets, he was given an earful of complaints from shoppers about shortages and low-quality goods (A Correspondent writes).

Perhaps emboldened by the campaign of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov for greater *glasnost*, or openness, Moscow's frustrated consumers freely unburdened themselves last week on Mr Gromyko, at 77 the Kremlin's oldest member.

They told him that Soviet goods did not compare well with imported goods, and that state factories made little effort to produce what people wanted.

And according to a report in *Pravda*, the shoppers were not content to leave it there. They criticised housing shortages, and grumbled that the local councils did nothing to provide them with holidays.

Baroness in a cell

Geneva – Baroness Denise von Thyssen, aged 46, below, a former wife of one of the wealthiest men in the world, finds herself in the ignominious predicament of being detained in Liechtenstein's only jail (Alan McGregor writes).

The ex-wife of Baron Hans Heinrich von Thyssen-Bornemisza, who is said to be worth anything between £330 million and £660 million, is being held pending an extradition request by Switzerland. The Swiss have been interested in the Baroness's movements since late last year, after it was ascertained that she was no longer at her villa in the lakeside residential area of Erlenbach near Zürich.

The reason for this interest was a matter of unpaid bills totalling more than £1 million. Debts included items such as grocery and telephone bills, and rent arrears on the villa mounting at the rate of £6,600 a month.

The Baroness, Baron von Thyssen's fourth wife, secured a London divorce in 1984 after 17 years of marriage. In 1985 an appeals court was told that she had received £50 million worth of jewellery, a yacht and three villas. Her lawyer replied that the gems were worth a mere £16 million.

Soyuz links to station

Moscow – The new Soviet spacecraft Soyuz, launched on Friday, has docked with the orbiting space station, Mir, Tass reported yesterday (A Correspondent writes). It said that the two Soviet cosmonauts checked the airtightness of the docking unit and then transferred to the station.

The commander, Mr Yuri Romanenko, aged 42, and the flight engineer, Mr Alexander Laveikin, aged 35, are expected to try to break the space endurance record, already held by the Russians, of 237 days. Some western experts predict that they may stay in space for 290 days.

One of their first jobs was to get food and provisions from the Progress-27 transport vehicle, which was launched three weeks ago and is also docked with Mir.

Help to beat smog

Bonn – West Germany is to help East Germany modernize and build anti-pollution installations free of charge after having suffered days of smog from the East last week (writes John England).

Private motoring in West Berlin was banned, and heating had to be turned down. East German power stations, which burn brown coal, were blamed.

● Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, said at the weekend that East Germany was prepared to have a dialogue with Bonn.

Breakfast mistake

Washington – Senator Lloyd Bentsen has disbanded his $10,000-a-head breakfast club after criticism of his plan to raise money for his re-election (Michael Binyon writes).

Admitting he had made a mistake, the Texas Democrat, chairman of the Senate finance committee, said that he did not anticipate the negative public perception of his invitation to lobbyists to breakfast with him once a month, provided they contributed to next year's re-election fund. The $500,000 already received will be returned.

French allies move up

Paris – French troops in the Chad capital of Ndjamena have been moved north-east to Abéché and Biltine, reportedly in response to a build-up of Libyan troops there following their defeat at Fada (Susan MacDonald writes). France has been pouring huge supplies of military equipment into Chad over the past few weeks as President Habré fears another assault on Fada.

Kuwait ruler spares prisoners in hostages drama

From Robert Fisk
Kuwait

The 17 men whose release from Kuwaiti imprisonment has been the principal demand of the kidnappers of two American hostages – and probably of Mr Terry Waite – in Beirut are all held in the Salibiyeh security prison in the western suburbs of Kuwait city.

But both Interior Ministry sources and government-appointed lawyers have told *The Times* that the Emir of Kuwait has refused to sign death sentences passed on three of them.

The prisoners, all said by the authorities here to have been members of the Iraqi opposition Dawaa Party, were convicted for their part in the bombing of the American and French embassies in Kuwait in 1983, the same year as suicide bombers from the Islamic Jihad movement blew up the US Embassy and then the US Marine and French military headquarters in Beirut.

It is with Islamic Jihad that Mr Waite, the Archbishop of Canterbury's envoy, has been negotiating for the release of Mr Terry Anderson, the Associated Press bureau chief in Beirut, and for Dr Thomas Sutherland, the acting head of the American University's agriculture department.

At least three Lebanese are among the prisoners here who, although living with other inmates, are not allowed to mix together in the jail.

Mr Khalil Abu Hamra, the Kuwaiti lawyer who represented two of the prisoners at their trial – Mr Hussein Moussavi and Mr Jabbar Abbas Jabbar, both Lebanese – says that, although his clients were originally kept in solitary confinement and even refused cigarettes, they now moved freely within the prison.

"The death sentences were passed on three of the prisoners, but the Emir never signed the warrants," Mr Abu Hamra said yesterday. "The Kuwaitis regard this matter as closed. But the death sentences will not be carried out now."

On his way back from the Morocco summit in 1984, the Kuwaiti ruler told journalists that he would abide by the sentences to be passed on the 17 men. His ultimate reluctance to send the three men to their deaths was therefore a concession, although Kuwaiti officials do not acknowledge this.

In Lebanon there have been suggestions that the Emir might be able to pardon some of the 17 – Kuwaiti National Day falls on February 25 – but any such intentions have been complicated by further assaults against the state, culminating in the arrest of 11 Kuwaiti men last week following the seizure of US, Soviet and Israeli small arms at villas in the city.

All 11 were from the Shia Muslim community, which makes up perhaps 30 per cent of the country's 700,000 citizens, and two of them are named Dasti and Behabehani, among the most prominent Shia families.

Interior Ministry officials here, who insist that the 17 men imprisoned in 1984 and the 11 arrested last week have no known links, have been troubled by broadcasts at the weekend on the Arabic language service of Iranian state radio which, they say, have threatened a "black night" on Kuwait if the 11 are not released. Five other men, all Kuwaiti Shias, are now being sought by the police.

Four men in the original 1983 bombings also managed to escape from Kuwait. Both they and the men who carried out a later suicide attack on the Emir's motorcade were foreigners.

The 11 newly arrested Kuwaitis have now been handed over to the Ministry of Justice for investigation by the State Prosecutor.

The official Kuwaiti position was put bluntly at the weekend by Sheikh Saad Al-Abdulla, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, when he told officers of the Kuwaiti National Guard that his country would "never yield to blackmail" and that Kuwait would "not allow any country to interfere in our affairs".

There has been much talk in the press here of the ungratefulness of "those who were given citizenship" (that is, Shias) towards their nation.

Kuwait's real predicament, however, is that Iran has identified it as the Arab state most closely tied to the war effort of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

Israel may negotiate for release of soldiers

From Ian Murray
Jerusalem

Israel will not exchange Arab prisoners for American hostages held in Beirut, Mr Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, said in a radio interview yesterday. At the same time he did not specifically slam the door on negotiations which might lead to the release of Israeli soldiers held prisoner.

"Israel cannot and will not operate under an ultimatum," Mr Peres said. "If someone has a suggestion, they should approach us in an orderly way."

He said that suggestions of a swap of Israeli-held Arab prisoners for an Israeli airman were not "orderly as far as I know". But this seems to leave open the possibility of Israel trying to reach a deal to free its prisoners.

There are up to five soldiers and one airman believed here to be held prisoner by either Shia Muslim groups or by Syria.

Reacting earlier to an announcement in Damascus by Mr Nabih Berri, leader of the Lebanese Shia Amal militia, a defence source here said it was Israel's first priority to take care of its men who were missing in action.

Mr Berri offered in his statement to free the navigator of an Israeli Phantom jet which crashed over southern Lebanon last October, during a bombing raid on Palestinian camps near Sidon, in return for the release of 400 Arab guerrillas held in Israel.

The pilot was rescued in a daring helicopter mission, but the navigator, who was seen to bail out safely, was never found and Amal later claimed to have caught him.

Israel would also be concerned in any deal to try to release two soldiers who were captured when their patrol in south Lebanon nearly a year ago was ambushed.

The other three missing are tank crewmen who disappeared in Syria at the outbreak of the 1982 war.

Officials argue that there is an essential difference between negotiating for the release of soldiers captured in action and negotiating for the release of hostages.

Under Israeli guns: A cargo boat sailing from Cyprus to Khalde in Lebanon was halted by the Israeli Navy on Saturday and 50 suspected Palestinian guerrillas on board detained.

Mujahidin get more Stingers

From Michael Binyon, Washington

The Reagan Administration is to send more Stinger anti-aircraft missiles to the Afghan rebels in an attempt to put greater pressure on Moscow to withdraw its troops from Afghanistan.

Officials said the decision followed the view here that Moscow was still not serious in setting a timetable for withdrawal, and that so far only token forces had been pulled out.

The anti-government Mujahidin received the first batch of Stinger missiles late last spring, and in the past months have been using them extensively.

Initially they had difficulty firing the sophisticated weapons, but last summer the Central Intelligence Agency arranged for a group of former US Army specialists to train them in camps in Pakistan. One source told *The Washington Post* that these specialists had been giving fighters, from three of seven allied rebel groups, six-week to eight-week courses on how to use the Stingers.

The weapons had proved effective, despite problems in the hot and cold temperatures of the Afghan mountains. The fighters were averaging seven to eight hits for every 10 missiles fired.

Congress has reportedly approved $600 million (about £400 million) this year in covert aid to the Afghan rebels, against $470 million last year. The Administration has also sent $15 million in covert aid to Angolan rebels, but it is unclear whether they are to receive more Stingers.

Senator Dennis DeConcini, an Arizona Democrat, has asked the General Accounting Office to review the rebels' safeguarding of the weapons and to investigate whether the shipments are hurting US military preparedness.

Meanwhile, Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, has insisted that any Soviet withdrawal must be completed within a few months, instead of years as envisaged by Moscow.

Coroner says Liberace was exposed to Aids

From Ivor Davis, Los Angeles

Liberace was exposed to Aids but it is not certain whether he died from it, a California coroner ruled at the weekend.

While the 67-year-old pianist was entombed on Saturday with his brother George and mother Frances, the growing furore surrounding the actual cause of his death tended to overshadow the small funeral at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Further tests, involving microscopic tissue studies, were to be carried out yesterday.

An autopsy was performed after Mr Raymond Carrillo, the coroner, rejected a doctor's certificate attributing Liberace's death to heart failure.

California law requires an autopsy for anyone who dies of a contagious disease. Mr Carrillo said he would refer the case to the district attorney.

Charges are possible against Liberace's doctor, who signed the death certificate; the Eisenhower Medical Centre, which withheld his medical records until the coroner was forced to subpoena them; and the Forest Lawn mortuary, which embalmed the body while allegedly aware that a communicable disease was present.

Democrats in a dilemma over abandoning Contras

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

A month after taking control of both Houses of Congress, the Democratic Party leadership is drawing up a strategy to get out of the Contra war with Nicaragua and to resettle fighters who are unable to return home.

The plan represents one of the great challenges to the weakened White House in President Reagan's final two years of power.

Congressional policymakers are aware that the Contra war would most likely collapse in ignominious defeat without further injections of US government funds. Democratic leaders are convinced that the war cannot be won militarily, and there is a recognition that private donations from US sympathizers and foreign sources would stop if America officially disengages.

There is deep concern on Capitol Hill that a sudden, chaotic collapse of the rebels could have immense social and economic consequences for Honduras, the poorest country in Central America, where most of the fighters are based.

Having created the Contras out of a small ragtag force more than five years ago, there is a keen sense among Democrats that the US is honour-bound to make their demise as painless as possible. The Administration, aware that Capitol Hill is increasingly hostile to continued support for the rebel war, may seek some kind of compromise to avoid an instant withdrawal of American backing.

The Democrats could be receptive to a deal, since they are anxious to avoid a head-on confrontation over an issue that might prove to be politically damaging.

Mr Frank Carlucci, the new National Security Adviser who is highly respected by both sides on Capitol Hill, is deeply committed to the Contras.

Under present Democratic plans, Honduras would undoubtedly receive financial assistance under the resettlement plan in order to provide housing and basic assistance to the rebels, most of whom operate out of bases along the southern border with Nicaragua. It is estimated that as many as 3,000 men are full-time Contra fighters, with the rest of the estimated 10,000-strong force made up of peasants who occasionally take up arms.

Should the war collapse, the "part-time" fighters could presumably abandon the fight without having to leave Nicaragua. The "hard-core" fighters, it is being assumed by Democratic analysts, would have to be settled in Honduras and to a lesser extent in Costa Rica, which is also a haven for a small number of Contras.

Honduras has repeatedly told the US it is desperately worried that it will bear the brunt, both socially and economically, of a collapse of the rebel army. It also fears that, once America disengages, Nicaragua might seek retribution by attacking.

The US has refused to give a bilateral security agreement to Honduras, saying it will stand by it under the terms of the Rio treaty.

"We created the Contras, and we've got to consider what will become of them," a senior Democratic leader said. Despite the hardening mood against the rebels, the party still fears the political damage of being perceived as "soft on communism".

That fear has previously put the Democrats in a political bind and helped Mr Reagan to push aid packages through an extremely reluctant House of Representatives, which has been under Democratic control throughout the Reagan presidency.

Under the emerging strategy, the Democratic leadership has decided not to try to block the second instalment of aid due to be sent to the Contras under a $100 million (£66.2 million) aid package approved before the November election took the Senate out of Republican hands.

So far the rebels have received $60 million and the balance is subject to congressional approval.

Democratic strategists say they doubt they could muster the two-thirds majority that would be needed in both Houses to override a presidential veto of legislation to block delivery of the remaining $40 million.

"We will let the Administration have that. But it won't get the additional $105 million it has requested for 1987," a top congressional Democratic leader said.

Moves are already afoot by individual congressmen to halt the second instalment. Without the backing of the party leaders, the efforts are unlikely to make much progress.

Details of the proposed resettlement funds have still not been worked out. Democrats say the political atmosphere in America is no longer so conducive to the sort of "gung ho" attitudes that made operations like those in Grenada, Nicaragua and Libya possible. Even so, they anticipate a fierce battle with the Administration.

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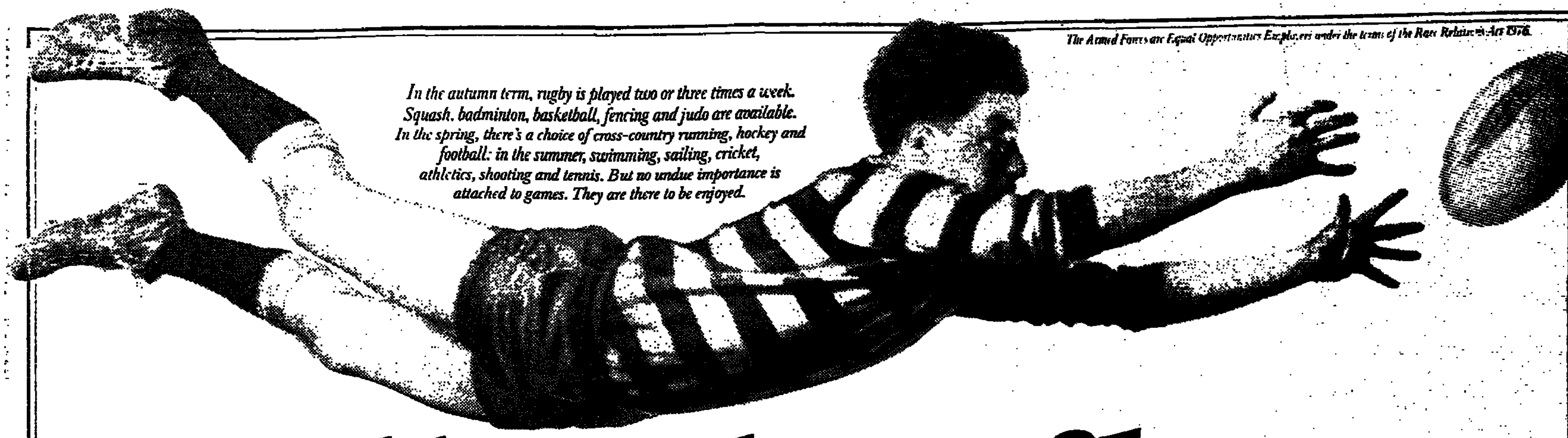

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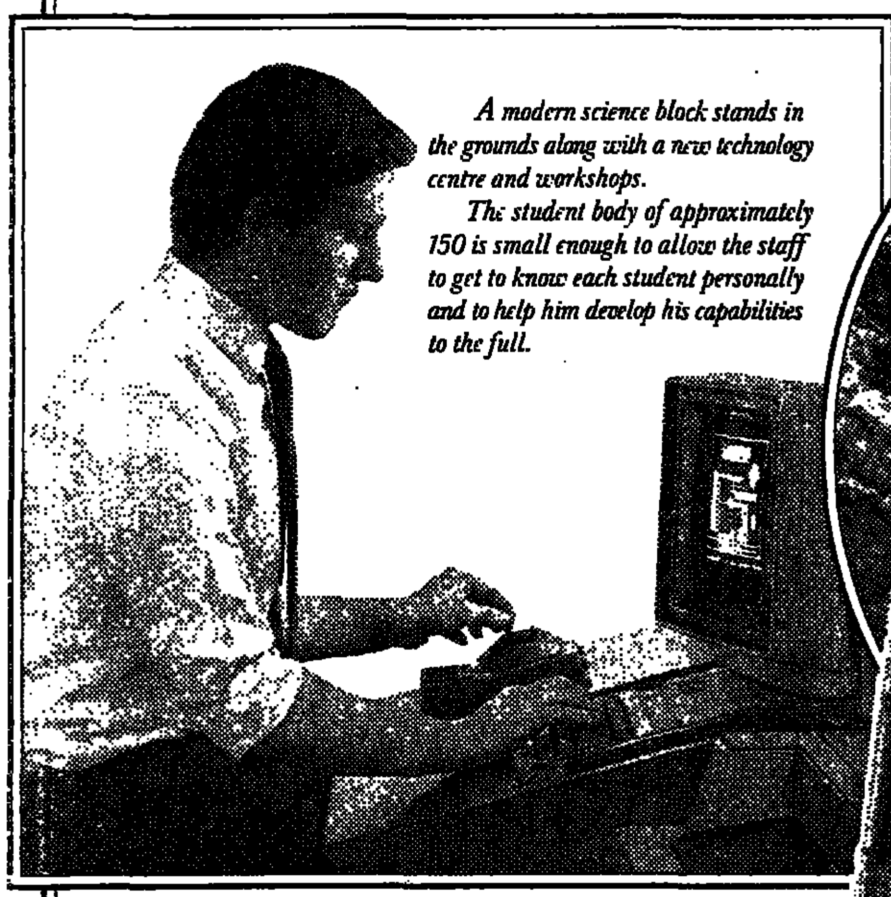

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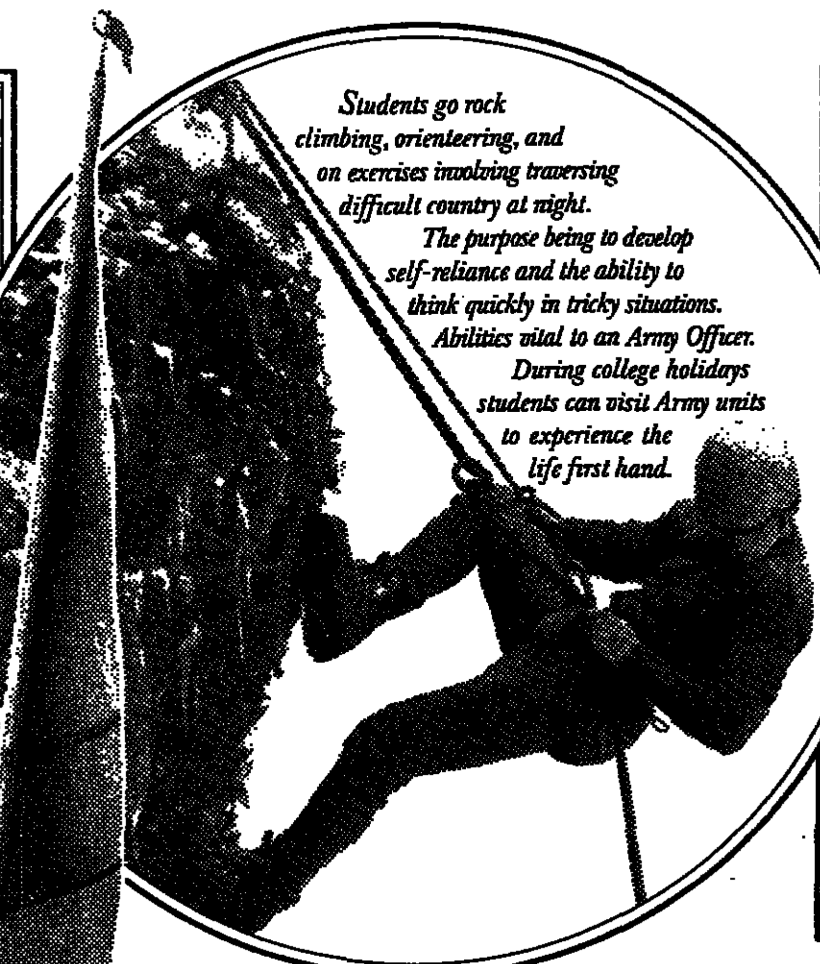

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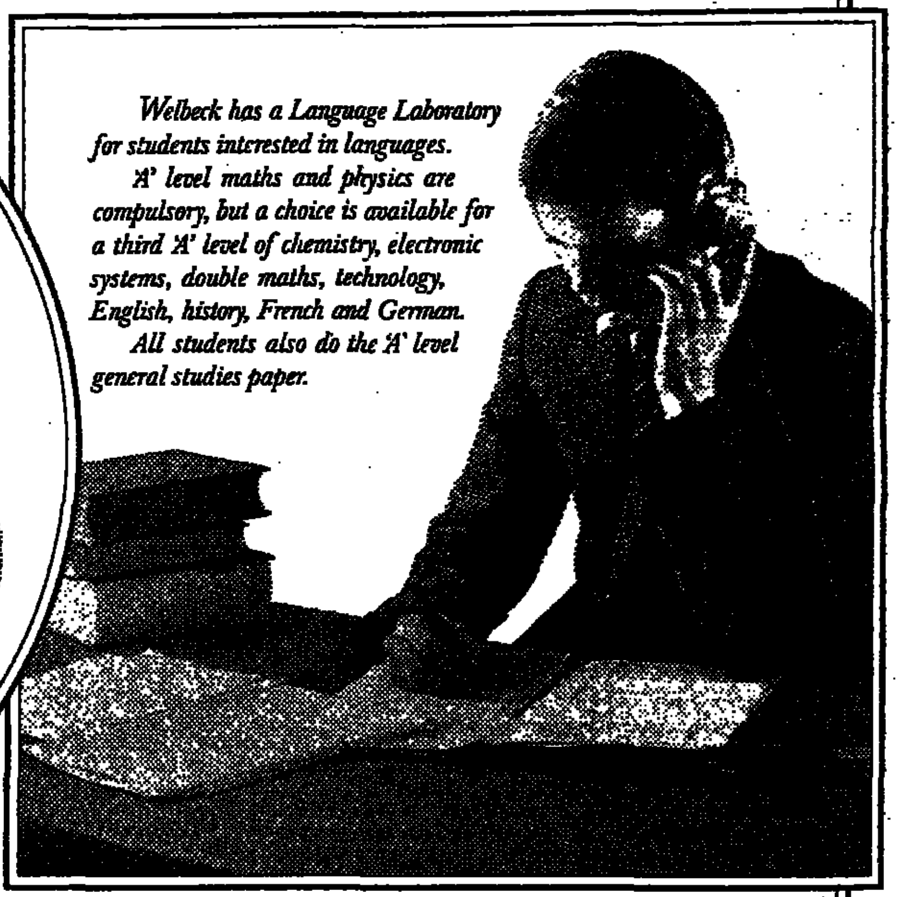

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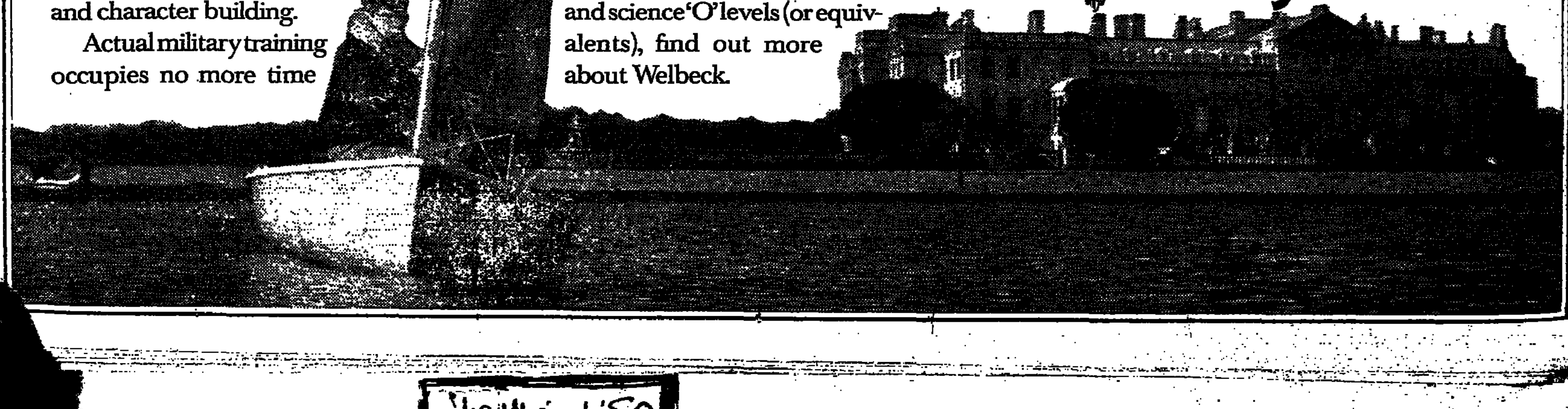

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Army set to go on the attack as Philippines ceasefire ends

From David Watts, Davao, southern Philippines

Communist insurgents called off their ceasefire yesterday, declaring that the Aquino Government was not serious about negotiating a durable and just peace.

As the noon deadline came and went in Davao, which has suffered more than most during the 17-year guerrilla war, both elements of the Government's carrot-and-stick policy were in evidence. Offers of land for returnees still stand, but the military is ready to go on the offensive again after 60 days of ceasefire.

The ceasefire and the withdrawal of some New People's Army (NPA) cadres did help bring peace to Davao, a city perched at the convergence of great wealth and extreme poverty.

No policeman has been killed here for three months, and the toll in its miles of slums and thousands of acres of fruit-producing land has been cut from 100 assassinations a month to almost none.

Elsewhere the ceasefire was breached most grievously in northern Luzon, when about 70 NPA rebels attacked a military outpost on Saturday and killed five soldiers, according to the military.

At his regional unified command in Camp Catitipan, Brigadier-General Romeo Recina, a soft-spoken leader of 7,000 servicemen, said: "We will have to search and destroy them. At least we have made our people know that we have a group whose belief is different from ours: who believe only in armed struggle to achieve their objective.

"The front organizations have unmasked themselves during the negotiations with all their demands, which are non-negotiable really. For those who want to join the Government, well and good; for those who do not . . . well, we'll go after them."

Up to the last day, the Manila Government repeated its appeals to the National Democratic Front (NDF), the Communist umbrella organization, to come back to the negotiating table. The Government will now try to pursue regional negotiations.

President Aquino and her Jesuit advisers want to be certain they have left no chance for a negotiated peace unexplored, establish clearly that they hold the moral high ground, and that it is the Communists who are resuming a war that the people clearly rejected in their endorsement of the new constitution last week.

"When they spurn further negotiations, they spurn the desire of the people and many of their own members to pursue peace," said the Government's chief negotiator, Mr Teofisto Guingona.

In an open letter to the Filipino people, the NDF said the Government had only gone through the motions of negotiating, and the armed forces "took undue advantage of its overwhelming military superiority".

"The government panel put forth a set of proposals for amnesty and rehabilitation that betrayed its ultimate objective of luring the revolutionary forces to surrender and to exchange their long and principled struggle for a few material benefits for themselves," it said.

The new constitution, which the Government used as the basis of negotiations, could never serve as the framework for solving the problems at the roots of the conflict, the NDF claimed.

In fact, the land for resettlement has found relatively few takers among the returnees, who have left the 2,000 or so NPA fighters in the Davao area. The numbers are small, probably in part because the Government lost a good opportunity by not making the ceasefire and its land reform programme, to be announced later this month, coincide.

In Davao, the ceasefire period saw the return of only 400 fighters from the misty mountains that surround the vast tracts of fruit lands that account for a large percentage of the country's exports.

Most of them were in their teens when they took to the hills during the Marcos regime, many with only a high school education and no real ideological motivation. After a period of "processing" which includes a dose of Catholicism, only 90 of them want to work on the land and 50 have farms to which they can return.

Father Emeterio Barcelon, a former president of the Ateneo de Davao University, has been working on a programme which would put returnees into enclaves that they would both farm and defend, Israeli-style.

An apple for the shopper

Big Brother joins the supermarket

From Richard Owen, Brussels

It is slightly unnerving going round one of Belgium's huge hypermarkets with a computer for a companion.

For a start, it keeps beeping and winking at you. GB Maxi, one of the largest supermarket chains in Europe, is introducing electronic "customer satisfaction" tests, with a computer at the back of the supermarket trolley where you normally put your bag, belongings or infant.

As the customer enters each new area of the store — clothing, or cheeses, or household goods — a magic eye beam switches on the appropriate programme in the trolley computer.

A red light winks, the machine beeps, and a series of questions (in French and Flemish) appears on the screen as you push the cart along. Are you satisfied with the freshness of the lettuce? Or with the range of ladies' dresses? Is the meat packaged in the right sizes? Is the floor clean? Are the staff friendly?

By the time you have both completed your purchases and punched numbers from one to nine, representing responses from "very good" to "very poor" and "no opinion", you half expect the machine to continue the conversation. Would you like to put your feet up? Can you remember where you parked the car? Haven't we met before? Shall we dance? In fact, all it says is: "Thank you for taking part, please take an apple".

An apple seems poor reward for the effort, given that shopping is quite enough of a chore without having to deal with a computer as well. But customers at the main GB branch in Brussels seemed pleased.

The scheme, operating in 12 of the chain's 143 stores, is an electronic version of the market research questionnaire. But the managing director of GB Maxi, who rejoices in the name, entirely appropriate for a supermerchant, of Mr Richard Bourgeois, insists that it is not a gimmick.

Customers are more honest with the computer than they are in responding to a girl with a clipboard. "People often lack the courage to complain to a person," Mr Bourgeois said. "But they don't mind punching a button."

The computerized trolleys are a French invention and are being tried out first in Belgium because of GB Maxi's close French connections.

The company, like many Belgian firms, prides itself on its European dimension, and is inceasingly involved in pan-European supermarket, do-it-yourself and fast-food restaurant joint ventures with Britain (with Sainsbury's) France (with Casino stores) and Italy.

The computerized test results will influence the stores' buyers and managers. But behind the scheme lies a deeper marketing strategy: in Belgium, as elsewhere in Europe, there is less consumer cash to go round. Whereas 10 years ago 55 per cent of disposable income was spent in retail trade as opposed to services, the retail share has dropped to under 45 per cent. For a chain like GB (the initials stand for Grand Bazaar) with an annual turnover of nearly £2 billion, this is alarming.

"We have to make common cause with small independent shopkeepers and go back to the ABC of what it means to be a merchant," Mr Bourgeois said. "We have to put the customers first, ask them what they want. We must open on Sundays and persuade people to come shopping rather than go on outings to the coast."

It remains to be seen whether the chance to tell a computer what you think of the baked beans display will be enough to persuade Belgians to spend more time at the hypermarket. GB Maxi's profits look healthy enough, and to the deprived citizens of the Third World or communist countries this refinement of an already efficient system in a society of abundance will seem absurd.

But Europe's retailers are worried. "We used to have it easy," Mr Bourgeois says. "All you had to do was find a good site and good transport and open a store. But those days are gone."

Europe's shopkeepers, in other words, have to try harder. GB Maxi is even adopting the American store slogan "Howdy, neighbour", which translates, not altogether happily, as "Bonjour, voisin et voisine".

Time of reunion as 13 hostages get first taste of freedom

Home again: M Michel Courvallet greeting his mother, left, at Orly airport; in Rome, Signor Marchio embraces his family, centre; while in Spain, Señor Caballero is helped to freedom.

Ten members of Médécins Sans Frontières, kidnapped two weeks ago from a Somali refugee camp, were freed on Friday and returned to Paris on Saturday on board a specially chartered plane from Addis Ababa (Our Foreign Staff writes).

M Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister, was at Orly airport to meet the six women and four men. Paris negotiated their release with the Somali and Ethiopian Governments, as well as their Somali rebel captors.

Separately, two Italian technicians seized by Ethiopian rebels on December 27 arrived in Rome on Saturday, after being freed on Thursday.

One of the men, Signor Giorgio Marchio, said: "We were well treated, like friends."

The pair were helping to build a resettlement village when they were captured in a raid on the site by the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party.

In Spain, the Basque separatist organization Eta set a businessman free near the northern city of San Sebastian, after holding him for 59 days and after allegedly collecting a ransom of more than £1 million, according to reports reaching Madrid yesterday.

Señor Jaime Caballero, aged 56, manager of a paper mill, was found chained to a tree on Saturday night.

Renton meets hero of Solidarity fight

From Roger Boyes
Warsaw

Mr Timothy Renton, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, became at the weekend the first Western politician to meet the legendary underground Solidarity leader, Mr Zbigniew Bujak, capping a three-day visit to Poland.

The minister also urged the Polish leadership to free 18 political prisoners excluded from last year's broad-ranging amnesty for Solidarity members and other opponents.

Mr Renton, who returned to London yesterday, has now completed tours of the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Poland, conducting talks with dissidents as well as government leaders.

As he told British reporters in Poland, it was a sign of changing times in the Soviet bloc that he could meet with opposition activists and yet not invoke the anger of his official hosts.

In Prague last week he met members of Charter 77, although some were stopped by Czech secret police before they could reach the rendezvous, and representatives of the banned Jazz Section.

But the Polish trip, which began on Thursday, was of a different order. His encounter on Saturday included top advisers to Mr Lech Walesa, among them Dr Bronislaw Geremek and Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki, as well as a number of activists who inhabit a grey area between open and clandestine opposition.

The Polish leadership, including the senior Politburo member, Mr Jozef Czyrek, and the Foreign Minister, Mr Marian Orzechowski, were not enthusiastic about Mr Renton's appeal for the release of the 18 prisoners.

The authorities say all political prisoners have been freed and those held are saboteurs, spies and murderers. They cite the case of teenagers jailed for killing — Solidarity says accidentally — a policeman soon after the imposition of martial law.

Another complaint of Mr Renton's was the jamming of BBC Polish-language transmissions. There is disagreement about whether these broadcasts are being jammed by Poland, which denied any interception, or the Soviet Union, which recently stopped blocking BBC Russian service transmissions.

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Zhao's career seen as crucial pointer to path China will take

From Robert Grieves, Peking

Mr Zhao Ziyang, China's Prime Minister and acting General Secretary of the Communist Party, may retain both posts through the summer. Western diplomats said at the weekend.

It is also widely believed here that Mr Zhao, aged 68, will remain General Secretary and pass on the post of Prime Minister to a younger man, possibly in October.

Chinese and Western analysts had previously thought that Mr Zhao might relinquish the post of acting party chief as early as March, when the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, China's Parliament, is expected to meet.

Mr Zhao added the duties of General Secretary to his portfolio as Prime Minister on January 16 when Mr Hu Yaobang, criticized for pursuing policies allowing the spread of "bourgeois liberalization" within China, was forced to step down.

What Mr Zhao does until the 13th party congress in October is being viewed here as crucial to China's future. That is because Mr Zhao, a champion of economic reform and a political ally of Mr Deng Xiaoping, is now the second most important man in the Government.

Analysts say that Mr Zhao and Mr Deng, China's paramount leader, must work to fend off what has been termed a "neo-Maoist" reaction to the perceived excesses of the Dengist reforms. Those excesses, as listed by party conservatives, include widespread corruption, runaway consumer spending and an erosion of party authority.

In addition, a viable successor or successors must be found to replace Mr Deng, who is 82 years old and anxious to step out of the political limelight, possibly at the 13th party congress. If no consensus is reached on a successor before October, analysts here say, a bitter power struggle within the party is likely.

Mr Zhao faces an almost impossible task. He must placate party conservatives with assurances that Marxist ideology has not been abandoned in the rush to implement Dengist reforms. That will be no easy task, given the vehemence of the current "anti-bourgeois liberal" campaign.

At the same time, Mr Zhao must try to protect the reforms from being seriously compromised or stopped.

Mr Zhao is considered a champion of economic reform and one of the Politburo's most liberal members. As party chief in Guangdong and Sichuan provinces, Mr Zhao also served as political commissar of the Canton and Chengdu military regions,

Moreover, Mr Zhao's successful efforts to boost agricultural production in Sichuan, Mr Deng's home province, and his loyalty to Mr Deng during the worst days of the Cultural Revolution, have marked Mr Zhao as the logical caretaker of Mr Deng's political and economic policies.

"There are still four major questions that remain unanswered," a senior Western diplomat said at the weekend. "Is the purge still on? Are the economic reforms going to continue? Is political reform dead? What leadership changes are in store?"

In the short term, Mr Zhao will try to limit the anti-Western liberal thought campaign. He will also try to help manoeuvre a reformist Deputy Prime Minister, such as Mr Tian Jiyun or Mr Wan Li, into the Prime Minister's office. The front-runner, Mr Li Peng, aged 58, is considered a hardliner who would oppose future reform measures.

One year after the fall of Duvalier, disillusion sets in

The Haitian leader, General Namphy, taking the salute during ceremonies to mark the first anniversary of the Duvalier regime's fall which were shunned by a disenchanted population.

Haitians boycott military rulers' day of rejoicing

From Alan Tomlinson, Port-au-Prince

Troops and armoured cars patrolled the streets on Saturday as Haitians, increasingly critical of their caretaker military Government, ignored the first anniversary of the collapse of the Duvalier dictatorship.

A national holiday had been declared to mark the midway point in a two-year transition to democracy. But there were no celebrations to match the delirious scenes of mass rejoicing witnessed here a year ago on the morning that President-for-life Jean-Claude Duvalier slipped out of the country, ending three decades of repressive rule by his family.

No crowds came out, nobody cheered or waved red-and-blue republican flags. Instead, Haitians stayed at home, either out of fear of the soldiers or in answer to a call for a boycott of the anniversary by groups opposed to the provisional Government. Others went about their regular business, as though there was no historic occasion to commemorate.

It was a sign of the growing loss of public faith in the military Government's pledge to hand over power to an elected President in another year's time, a pledge that the Army chief, General Henri Namphy, repeated on Saturday in an anniversary broadcast. "Our mandate is essentially to put down the organizational base of Haitian democracy," he said.

He appealed to all "healthy, logical and patriotic forces in the country to join the Council of National Government (CNG) in a common front to block the road to anarchy or demagogy."

Late last month the first National Congress of Democratic Movements voted to reject the holding of elections under the control of the CNG. The congress is made up of about 300 grassroots community groups, political parties, trade unions, peasants' associations and human rights organizations, the aim of which is to unite democratic forces around a common programme.

"The provisional Government in the hands of the armed forces does not represent the change the Haitian people hoped for," it said in a resolution. "It is a continuation of the Macoute system, characterized by arbitrary rule, brute force, corruption and incompetence."

Macoute is a reference to the nickname given to former members of Mr Duvalier's private militia force, now disbanded. The provisional Government has been criticized bitterly for bringing only one leading member of the force to trial, and for failing to remove close associates of Mr Duvalier from powerful positions.

Anticipating more demonstrations against it, the Government last week gave itself special powers of arrest and detention, warning that action would be taken against "the authors and accomplices of appeals for disorder and sedition."

The home and office of two prominent members of the congress movement were raided by police last week, and radio stations reported the arrest of five left-wing political activists. On Saturday, troops and armoured vehicles patrolled the most volatile slum districts of the capital. Youths stoned an army truck in one area.

The show of military strength tended to reinforce an increasingly widespread view of the Army, who were hailed as heroes a year ago, as having become caretakers of the status quo.

That image was further strengthened by General Namphy on Saturday, as he drove in a heavily-armed motorcade from the presidential palace to a nearby mausoleum for national heroes to unveil a plaque to those who died in the three-month revolt that toppled Duvalier.

He drove the 100 yards to the ceremony in one of the luxury cars left behind by the ousted dictator, a four-door Maserati sedan with a six-figure price tag. The memorial, by contrast, was a cheap bronze-painted plywood replica, as unfinished as many Haitains believe their year-old revolution to be.

Shake-up in Greece

Papandreou seizes the political helm

From Mario Modiano, Athens

After a week of spectacular changes in the Government and the ruling Panhellenic Socialist Movement (Pasok), Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Prime Minister and party leader, has reasserted his absolute control over both at a particularly critical point in Greek politics.

His manoeuvre coincided with growing resistance from the left to such unpopular government policies as economic austerity and the rapprochement with the United States, which he regards as vital to rescue the country's over-indebted economy and bolster its security against the assumed military threat from Turkey.

In a surprise move last Thursday, the Prime Minister replaced seven members of his Government and nominated them to Pasok's 11-member executive office with express orders to purge the party of its "corrupt practices" and "degenerative symptoms" and attempt to rebuild its flagging popularity.

A hastily convened session of Pasok's 140-member Central Committee yesterday docilely endorsed the party leader's list of new members for its decision-making executive office, over which he presides.

The dismissed members of Government, among them the Prime Minister's eldest son, George, who until last week was a highly publicized Culture Under-Secretary, were not even consulted on the changes.

Even more important, they included Mr Papandreou's three most trusted lieutenants who had held key Cabinet posts since the party came to power in 1981.

They are Mr Akis Tsohatzopoulos, the Minister responsible for the public administration and the media; Mr Agamemnon Koutsoyiorgas, the Interior Minister, who was in charge of local government and elections; and Mr George Yennimatas, the Health Minister, who enjoys considerable personal popularity in the party.

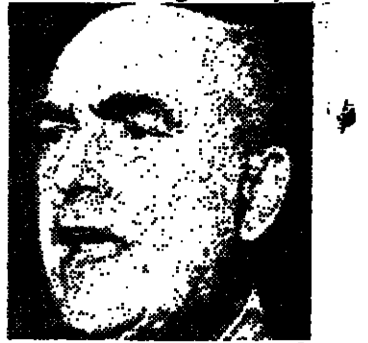
The three men, who are believed to have held leadership aspirations, had served in the executive office in the past.

The Cabinet changes left untouched the teams that run the economy, foreign affairs and defence, confirming that, despite pressures building up from the left and the labour unions which plan a series of strikes this week, there will continue to be no change of policy.

The younger Mr Papandreou has been moved to the big league of the Pasok executive office, and considering the strong dynastic tradition of Greek politics, he could become a credible candidate for his father's succession.

The Prime Minister, however, is also anxious to see the new executive concentrate on reorganizing the party as soon as possible, bracing it for the prospect of possible early elections.

Already the opposition has been clamouring for a poll which is not due until mid-1989.



Mr Papandreou: in control of government and party.

Elections might become inevitable if the Government fails to stabilize the economy and quell social unrest, or if only seven of Pasok's parliamentary deputies defect, so stripping the Government of its overall majority.

The new Cabinet is: **Prime Minister** Andreas Papandreou, **Deputy Prime Minister and Defence** Yiannis Haralambopoulos, **Minister in charge of the Prime Minister's Office** Apostolos Kaklamanis, **Foreign Affairs** Karolos Papoulias, **Minister of State (EEC Affairs)** Theodoros Pangalos, **Interior** Emmanuil Papastefanakis, **Minister of State** Kosmas Sfyriou, **National Economy** Kostas Simitis, **Finance** Dimitrios Tsovolas, **Health & Welfare** George-Alexander Mangakis, **Justice** Lefteris Veryvakis, **Education** Antonis Tritsis, **Culture** Melina Mercouri, **Public Order** Antonis Drosoyiannis, **Northern Greece** Stelios Papathemelis, **Aegean** Petros Valvis, **Agriculture** Yiannis Pottakis, **Environment & Public Works** Evanghelos Kouloumbis, **Industry** Anastasios Peponis, **Labour** Kostas Papanayiotou, **Commerce** Panayiotis Roumeliotis, **Transport & Communications** Kostas Badouvas, **Merchant Marine** Stathis Alexandris, **Minister without Portfolio (Kalamata)** Athanasios Filipopoulos.

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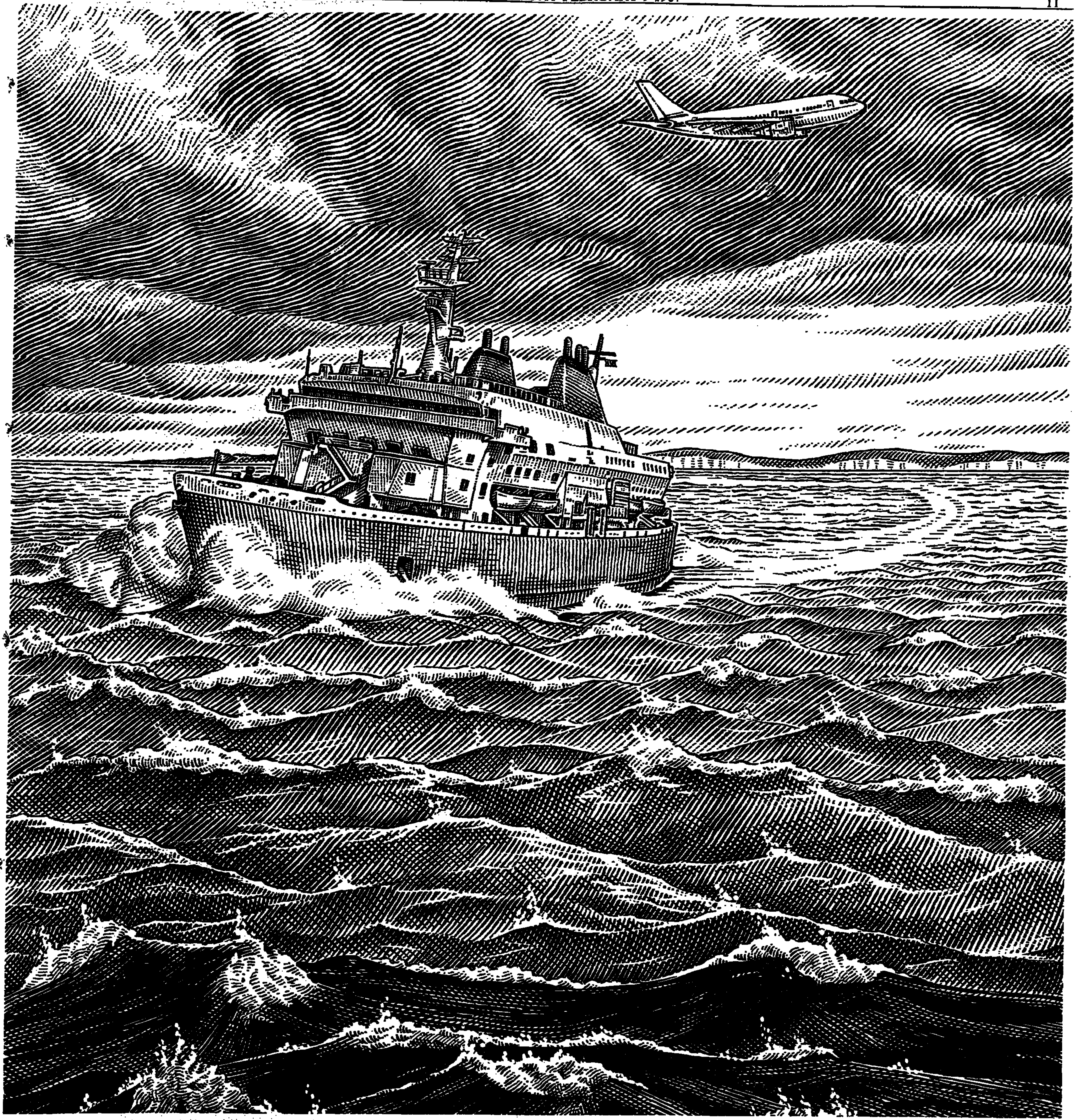

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Border thaw begins in Sino-Soviet cold war

From Christopher Walker
Khabarovsk
Soviet Far East

For the first time in nine years, Soviet and Chinese negotiators will today meet in Moscow to resume talks designed to end the dispute over their strategically vital border.

In recent years the armies of the two communist superpowers have been facing each other in a state of alert over territory that has been bitterly contested since the 19th century.

On the eve of the talks between deputy foreign ministers, senior Communist Party officials in this remote border region, more than 4,000 miles and seven time zones from the Soviet capital, expressed optimism that the differences would be settled, resulting in a thaw in relations between the communist giants of a type not seen since the 1960 ideological split.

Mr Alexei Chorny, veteran party chief of the vast Khabarovsk region, which is larger than England, France and Denmark combined, said: "We are expecting a great deal from these talks. I believe that agreement will be reached and we will be able to resume the tradition of visits to our Chinese neighbours which have not taken place for 30 years".

Mr Chorny was speaking in a tenth-floor office of Communist Party headquarters in this city, founded 30 miles from the Chinese border as a military garrison after the signing of the original border treaty in 1858.

He disclosed that agreement in principle had already been reached between Moscow and Peking to construct a costly joint hydro-electric station on the Amur river, which is disputed for much of its length.

I was one of a few Moscow-based journalists permitted to visit the region on the first Kremlin facility trip organized here for many years.

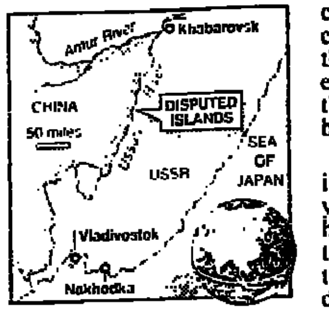
Although daytime flying over Soviet security zones was strictly prohibited, it was possible to see the intensity with which the Soviet forces protect their installations against possible surprise attack by the Chinese.

On the mountains close to the border, early-warning systems were clearly visible, as were scores of Soviet military helicopters in bases used for frequent border patrols. At both ends of every bridge and tunnel near the disputed border, where fierce fighting took place 17 years ago, Soviet sentries keep a 24-hour guard in huts equipped with special searchlights.

The number of soldiers to be seen confirmed claims by Western security experts that the size of the Soviet military presence has been so beefed up in the past 20 years that one in every four Soviet citizens braving its inhospitable climate is in uniform.

According to the experts, one-quarter of the whole Soviet Army is now based in the Far East, as well as more than one-fifth of its Air Force. It is widely believed that Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Kremlin leader, is hoping to transfer much of these military resources back to the troubled Soviet civilian sector, if he can achieve the breakthrough in relations with Peking he is so avidly seeking.

The Sino-Soviet boundary talks opened in 1969 and continued intermittently in Peking until June 1978, when they became another casualty of the acrimonious ideological dispute dividing the two communist nations. China, which once accused Soviet leaders of behaving worse than the tsars on the border question, is disputing some 35,000 square kilometres of territory which it claimed went unfairly into Russian hands with the signing of "the unequal treaties" of 1858 and 1860.



Although Chinese officials are more sanguine than their Soviet counterparts about the chances of relations returning to the intimacy of the 1950s, cross-border trade has increased fivefold in the past three years and total trade is expected to double to more than $3 billion (about £2 billion) by 1990.

The first signs of the impending thaw came last year when Moscow played host to the Mayor of Peking, the first civic leader to visit the Soviet capital for three decades, and an eye-catching collection of Red Chinese mannequins opened the first Chinese trade exhibition staged in Moscow for 33 years.

In an apparent attempt to keep up the good will, a Chinese economic journalist from a Peking-based magazine was invited to join our 8½-hour flight here from Moscow. His questions were answered with enthusiasm by the various Soviet officials who agreed to be interviewed.

Dr Yevgeny Kazgonnov, a leading Soviet-China expert at Khabarovsk's Far East Scientific Research Centre, explained: "It was the Chinese side that originally broke off the border negotiations. The fact that they have agreed to renew them is in itself a sign of a great improvement in Sino-Soviet relations."

The key concession that paved the way for today's talks was made last July by Mr Gorbachov in his historic speech in the closed port of Vladivostok, some 40 miles from the border, which signalled his new policy of *Ostpolitik*. He agreed then that Moscow would renounce earlier claims and agree to the boundary running down the navigation channel of disputed rivers.

In a remark which Western observers said betrayed his eagerness for a full Peking-Moscow summit, Mr Gorbachov said: "We hope that in the near future the frontier which divides us, I should like to say unites us, will become a zone of peace and friendship."

Last month he backed up this gesture by a pledge to pull out an estimated 11,000 of the 75,000 Soviet troops based in Mongolia by June this year — a move praised by Peking, which has repeatedly described the large Soviet presence in the border region as one of three main obstacles to improved relations.

The other two are the Soviet military presence in Afghanistan, on which the Kremlin has promised some movement if talks on a political settlement succeed, and continued Soviet backing for Vietnamese forces in Kampuchea, which they invaded in 1978.

● MOSCOW: Mr Igor Rogachev, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, yesterday greeted the delegation headed by Mr Qian Qichen, his Chinese counterpart, when it arrived here yesterday for talks on the border dispute with the Soviet Union, the official news agency Tass said.

New opposition leader in Spain vows to unite party

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

A charismatic Andalusian lawyer, Señor Antonio Hernández Mancha, elected overwhelmingly by Spain's major opposition party, the Popular Alliance, as party president, called for an end here yesterday to the rivalries which have weakened the party, and asked members to consider him as "just one more party worker".

Of the 2,837 delegates to AP's eighth Congress, 1,930 voted on Saturday for the slate of candidates for party offices headed by Señor Hernandez Mancha, aged 35, rejecting the list led by the interim president and the party's parliamentary spokesman, Señor Miguel Herrero Rodriguez de Miñón.

The vote represented a desire for a change of leadership. It apparently also represented a rejection of those identified with personal rivalries which influenced Señor Manuel Fraga's decision to resign as party president.

Señor Herrero Rodriguez de Miñón said at the final session of the congress on Sunday that he had already handed in his resignation as parliamentary spokesman.

Señor Hernandez Mancha said that, if Señor Herrero Rogriguez de Miñón, does not wish to remain, the opposition party's MPs will chose a new spokesman.

Elected as a vice-president on Señor Hernández Mancha's slate was Señor Abel Matutes, a Spanish Commissioner in the European Economic Community, who endorsed the Andalusian lawyer's candidacy from Brussels only last week. The new Secretary-General is Señor Arturo García Tizón.

Addressing delegates on Sunday, Señor Fraga said he would help the party from his seat in Parliament "with no ambition other than that of being of service".

Señor Hernández Mancha's self-appointed task of restoring party unity and projecting a younger, more modern and European image of the party, will be a race against time, since municipal elections and some regional government elections are scheduled to take place next June.

Man in the News

Señor Hernández Mancha acknowledging cheers at a Popular Alliance congress yesterday.

Lawyer with plebeian touch

Madrid — At a meeting here following the resignation of Señor Manuel Fraga from the presidency of Popular Alliance last November, leaders of the Spanish opposition party seeking to replace him were surprised when a young lawyer with a boyish grin and a southern lisp asked: "Why not me?" (Harry Debelius writes). He was Señor Antonio Hernández Mancha, chairman of the Andalusian regional division of AP and until then not even a dark horse. A party member for 10 years — almost the life of the party — he had worked loyally but barely noticed. He was not a member of the lower house of Parliament. Some of his colleagues at that meeting probably did not take his offer seriously.

A short, bespectacled man with a disarmingly plebeian air, which was probably the source of his popularity, Señor Hernández Mancha exudes confidence and prides himself on common sense. His habit of occasionally dropping Latin quotes, derived from his study and experience as a state lawyer for the national administration, presents what at first sight seems to be a quaint veneer of culture.

As for his political views, Señor Hernández Mancha said, in a brief interview on national television after he was chosen to lead the party, that centre-right ideas dominate the European political scene today, and that he intends to win over the youth and working people who are said to be disillusioned by Socialist failures.

Funeral protest by Melilla Muslims

From Richard Wigg, Melilla

Muslims turned the funeral of the first victim of disturbances in this North African enclave into a massive demonstration on Saturday.

Although celebrated with full Islamic rites, the funeral was an unambiguous political protest against alleged discrimination and an expression of the minority community's discontent with the Spanish authorities.

Two banners carried at the head of the mile-long procession told the European population here "We are the ones in our own land" and "Enough of South African-style laws."

The fragility of the last remnant of the Spanish empire was underlined as the procession entered surrounding Morocco, because no Muslim cemetery exists in Melilla. Morocco is now evidently stepping up its sovereignty claim to the tiny enclave.

An estimated 10,000 people, including Moroccans, came to the Sidi Guariach hillside cemetery, overlooking Melilla, to pay their respects to the 46-year-old Muslim worker, who had been fatally stabbed by an armed European security guard in a clash a week ago.

Confounding the hopes of Señor Manuel Céspedes, the Madrid Government's chief representative in Melilla, the Moroccan authorities co-operated fully with the cortège.

After the burial, the Moroccan officials listened as Señor Aomar Mohammed Dudu, leader of Melilla's discontented Muslims, launched a fiery attack on Señor Céspedes, accusing him of being personally responsible for the present crisis.

An order is out for the arrest of the Muslim leader, accused of sedition by Madrid, but Morocco is allowing him to stay in Nador, 10 miles across the frontier.

The Spanish Interior Ministry has warned Morocco that it would view as a "grave offence" the granting of refugee status to Señor Dudu, who has Spanish nationality.

The funeral protest was peaceful and there were no incidents afterwards. The procession started at Melilla's mosque, where a banner demanded "liberty for our brothers and sons". This was a reference to the nine Muslims detained on the mainland and charged with sedition after last weekend's violent clashes, in which 70 people were injured.

Mugabe security man held for murder

Harare (AP) — Zimbabwe police are holding a member of Mr Robert Mugabe's Central Intelligence Organization for the alleged murder of a man near a Harare hotel, the *Sunday Mail* reported.

The newspaper quoted a police spokesman as saying that Herbert Nyamukundiwa, aged 35, was shot and killed near the Kentucky Hotel in the southern suburb of Hatfield on February 1.

Police said they were holding in custody a member of the CIO security agency, who was attached to the Prime Minister's office.

One party

Bangui (AFP) — The Central African Republic formally became a one-party state over the weekend when officials from across the country founded the Centrafrican Democratic Rally party, under the chairmanship of President André Kolingba.

Car deal off

Budapest (Reuter) — Long-running negotiations between the Hungarian vehicle manufacturer, Raba ETO, and General Motors Corporation for a barter deal allowing Hungary to import Opel cars have collapsed.

Vanuatu hit

Nouméa (Reuter) — Officials of New Caledonia are planning to airlift emergency supplies to the cyclone-hit archipelago of Vanuatu, where the capital, Vila, has been declared a disaster area after being hit by 100-knot winds.

Slave trade

Lagos (AP) — Modern-day slave traders are taking children between the ages of five and 15 in south-eastern Nigeria's Cross River State to work on plantations or as household servants, the independent *Guardian* reported.

Skip it

Johnstown, Pennsylvania (AP) — Bob Commers, aged 36, of Johnstown, and Randy Schneider, aged 29, of Janesville, Wisconsin, who had each set world skipping records, challenged each other to a jump-off on Saturday, but they stopped at the same time with what they claimed as a new record, more than 13 hours of continuous hopping.

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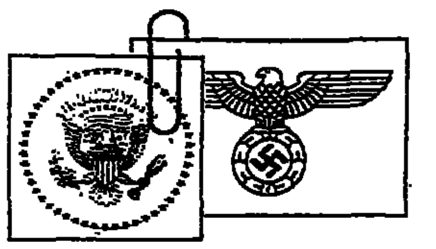

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As the giant Saturn V rocket rose majestically through the morning sunlight from Cape Canaveral in July 1969, a group of German scientists beamed, flushed with pride. Apollo 11's epic voyage, carrying astronaut Neil Armstrong to the moon, was, they felt, their personal triumph.

The famous rocket team from Peenemünde, led by the handsome and charming Werner von Braun, had designed and produced the world's largest rocket, which had flawlessly realized their childhood dreams and ennobled them as national heroes in their adopted country.

For the elated Germans, the astronauts' confident messages to mission control confirmed the supremacy of German science. Within the cataclysmic decade of the Third Reich, von Braun and 20,000 German scientists had revolutionized the weapons of warfare. Twenty-five years later, the Americans were reaping the benefit of their youthful genius.

Understandably, however, such men were unwilling to discuss the circumstances in which the scientific origins of their work had materialised.

If pressed, they would recite their abhorrence of Hitler's regime like automatons. None would openly admit that their craft had been realized amid the calculated murder and brutal butchery of Nazi atrocities. Their intimacy with those crimes had been smoothly and conspiratorially expunged after the war by sympathetic American army officers anxious to employ them in the United States.

Their recruitment after the war had followed interrogation by American officers. After selection, the chosen German scientists were simply identified by slipping an ordinary paperclip on to their personal file.

Like so many other beneficiaries of the "paperclip conspiracy", they would eventually become respectable American citizens, their wartime activities notwithstanding, because senior military officers determined that in the national interest American immigration laws and the President's directive should be wilfully ignored.

When the "Eagle" settled on the moon's surface and Neil Armstrong coolly assured ground control of the mission's success, a handful of Americans and Germans silently congratulated themselves on their skillfully carried out deception.

Flags of convenience? A V2 launch in 1945 (left) and Apollo 11's lift-off for the moon in 1969

Brash, enthusiastic and utterly determined to fulfil his mission, Major Robert Staver, a 28-year-old mechanical engineer, followed the front line of the US 1st Army into Nordhausen, in the Harz Mountains, on April 11, 1945.

Staver was the first Allied technical officer to arrive at the underground factory where the V2 rocket had been assembled. He had an aggressive brief from Colonel Holgar "Turtle" Toftoy, the swashbuckling chief of the Ordnance Department's technical intelligence mission in Paris, to "get the scientists who were years ahead of us and could teach us from their success". "The German foremen's cups," Staver recalls, "were still warm when we arrived."

Staver's only fear was that the British would grab the German scientists first and sabotage Toftoy's dream of securing their services for America.

Staver was completely bewitched by what he found at Nordhausen. Deep into the heart of the mountains were giant tunnels with hundreds of abandoned V2 rockets. Twenty years' brilliant research and innovation were laid out, waiting to be plundered.

The plan for the seizure and subsequent development of long-range German missiles had been codenamed Project Hermes and devised by Colonel Gervais Trichel, the ambitious head of the rocket branch of Army Ordnance.

Colonel Toftoy, Trichel's executive agent in Paris, was ordered to ship 100 V2s to the US firing range at White Sands, New Mexico. The obvious source was Nordhausen, which had been identified as the V2's underground assembly plant in August 1944 by a captured German electrician and confirmed by photo reconnaissance.

Allied experts had decided that the natural protection of the Harz Mountains would shield the plant from even a 1,000-pound Tallboy bomb, and ruled out the possibility of an aerial attack. Consequently, when Major Staver arrived in Nordhausen, he found the plant intact.

Most of the rocket scientists had been taken by von Braun to Bavaria, but some had remained in the area and, before Staver's arrival, had already been arrested by army units. A few had even been jailed. "I was furious that they had been so badly treated," he recalls. "They were scientists, after all."

In briefing his team, Staver stressed that the rocket scientists should be treated civilly: "I wanted them treated as normal, friendly human beings, in the same way as if our situations were reversed and we were captured. Otherwise we wouldn't get their cooperation."

A war crimes investigation group summoned to Nordhausen soon after the plant's capture adopted a different attitude. As they swarmed through the complex of barracks at the mountain entrance, the soldiers in the front-line tank group reeled in horror at the sight of emaciated men, many unable to stand, dressed in tattered striped clothing. Strewn around like debris were hundreds of corpses, the bodies of those who had died in the past days, still awaiting cremation.

This was Camp Dora, housing the thousands of slave workers who had tunnelled through the mountain, then assembled the rockets. "Here and there a single shape tottered about, walking slowly, like a man dreaming," remembers Staff Sergeant Donald Schulz.

The use of slaves did not inhibit either von Braun or his fellow negotiator, General Walter Dornberger, a Wehrmacht officer who had recognized the rocket enthusiasts' genius a decade earlier.

A large contingent of slave workers had already been used at Peenemünde, the home of Nazi rocket research until it was bombed, sending the project underground at Nordhausen. Indeed, von Braun had willingly accepted the rank of captain and then promotion to major in the SS.

Arthur Rudolph, then aged 37, was among the first engineers to arrive at Nordhausen from Peenemünde. Like all von Braun's close associates, Rudolph, a farmer's son with a rudimentary education, had been mesmerized by the possibilities of space travel from his early youth. In 1931, Rudolph joined the Nazi Party. "I read *Mein Kampf* and agreed with a lot of things in it," he explained 50 years later. "Hitler's first six years, until the war started, were really marvellous. They were the best years in Germany. Everybody was happy. Everybody got jobs."

By the time Rudolph – a committed Nazi and unashamedly anti-Jewish – arrived in September 1943, the first batch of 60,000 men, transferred from the Buchenwald concentration camp, had begun transforming the small ammonia mine into a warren of 46 tunnels, each 220 yards long, 14 yards wide and up to 30 yards high, bisected by a pair of two-mile tunnels.

At least 20,000 would die by the end of the war. Without power drills or mechanical excavators, the slaves were constantly threatened and beaten while they dug, hammered and heaved their pickaxes. On average, 100 men a day died of exhaustion, starvation and disease, or were murdered by the SS guards.

Strangely, Staver was insensitive to the atmosphere at Nordhausen. He admits that he saw bodies stacked by the crematorium, but there were "only a couple of hundred" and everyone else "was alive, so there's no way so many could have died". Assigned to the hunt for scientists and not for Nazis, Staver ignored the moral considerations: "These were brilliant men, geniuses who were 25 years ahead of us."

As for the scientists who remained at Peenemünde, Staver maintained that they were completely isolated and knew nothing of conditions at Nordhausen. The few that did know were, Staver believed, "just obeying orders, doing what they were told, oppressed like every other German by the Nazi state". It was a scenario which von Braun himself was at that moment methodically cultivating with his captors in Bavaria.

Von Braun had passed the previous six months carefully planning for that moment. Isolated on the Baltic coast, he and his colleagues had spent considerable time since the end of 1944 discussing their own predicament. They were conspirators with a single aim – to offer their services to the highest bidder. By the new year, when Peenemünde was on the verge of falling to the Russians – unattractive future employers – their evacuation westwards was efficiently executed.

On February 17 the first train left Peenemünde, with 525 scientists and their families heading for Bleichröde. The equipment and records for the V2 rocket and the Wasserfall anti-aircraft missile were packed up and transported by barge. Within the sound of Russian artillery fire, a demolition squad planted dynamite haphazardly among the installations and fled, leaving quantities of the most valuable equipment intact. Within weeks it would be transported eastwards, to Russia.

The scientists headed ever southwards, to Oberammergau, in Bavaria, Hitler's last redoubt. In comfort they waited, joined by other rocket experts, confident of surviving the remainder of the war and believing that their secrets

Commodore Henry Schade of the US Navy arrived in Oberammergau on May 1, 1945. Schade's team was already well-briefed about the leading scientific personalities. Soon after his capture, Dr Werner Osenberg, an SS officer and engineering professor, specializing in naval research, had voluntarily presented the Allies with a comprehensive list of 15,000 leading German scientists, and truckloads of documents.

Schade's chief quarry was Dr Herbert Wagner, described by Osenberg as the designer of the HS 293 guided missile bomb which had effortlessly destroyed several Allied ships. For the American navy, the quest for the secrets of the missile had become an obsession.

Schade excitedly cabled that Wagner had been found and interrogated, and was surprisingly cooperative. Schade recommended that the German be evacuated via Paris, "directly to the US for complete interrogation and utilization". Hewlett Thebaud, the Director of Naval Intelligence in Washington, immediately asked the War Department to approve Schade's request. To Schade's surprise, however, Wagner did not surrender alone. With him were von Braun and Dornberger, who, with the whole Peenemünde team, were patently eager to be discovered by the Americans.

Von Braun later claimed that while the battle was still raging, his team were already plotting for their negotiations with the Americans and had conspired to withhold information until the Americans had made an acceptable offer: "We were interested in continuing our work, not just being squeezed like a lemon and then discarded."

"Dornberger and von Braun were in a position to bargain," recalled Walter Jessel, an intelligence officer, "to exercise pressure and attempt blackmail. Security clearance of the group as such (was) an obvious absurdity."

Nevertheless, on July 19 an "exploitation programme" was officially sanctioned by the American Joint Chiefs of Staff as Operation Overcast, allowing 350 German scientists, without their families, to be brought to the US on six-month contracts which could be renewed for a further six months. Ordnance was allowed to bring in 100 rocket scientists, and von Braun's team was expected to arrive within six weeks.

Toftoy arrived in Witzenhausen to begin selecting the best scientists and negotiating their contracts. Asked to explain how taking German scientists to America for war research was compatible with the Joint Chiefs' directive expressly forbidding any dealings with ex-Nazis, Toftoy claimed that he was acting on superior orders from General Eisenhower. Von Braun was offered $750 per month; the others, commensurate salaries.

A small advance team, including Von Braun, left for America in early September. By the end of the month, they had flown from France to Wilmington, Delaware, and then to El Paso, Texas. Over the next three months another 118 of the Peenemünde group arrived in Texas.

They were well looked after. For a 48-hour week they were paid $6 per day tax-free, with free medical care, sick leave, accommodation and food. Any earlier checks to discover whether those selected were ardent Nazis or war criminals were ignored. "The checks", concedes Staver, "were crude." Looking down the list of arrivals, others would later say they were non-existent.

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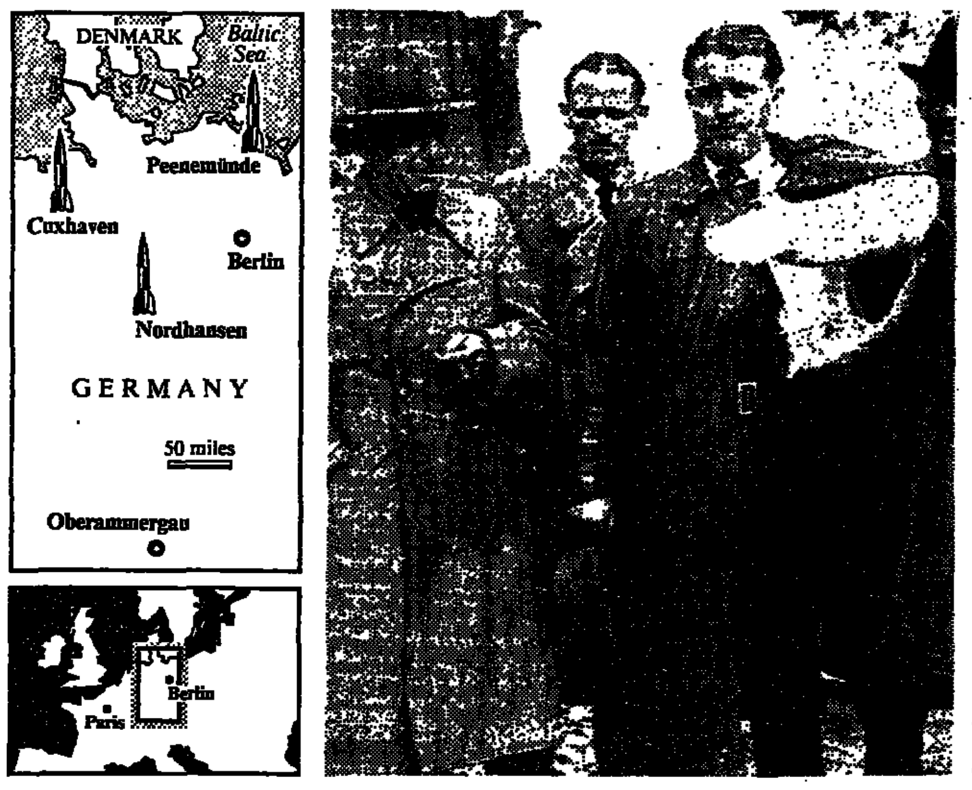


Powers of recovery: an injured von Braun arrested in 1945 with Dornberger (left) and Axster. Map shows von Braun's staging post at Oberammergau and the main V2 rocket sites

Extracted from The Paperclip Conspiracy, *by Tom Bower, to be published by Michael Joseph on February 19 (£14.95).*

TOMORROW

Fix: doctored documents that sanitized the scientists

A very British backfire

The British witnesses to the American operation at Nordhausen were led by William Cook, deputy to Dr Alwyn Crow, controller of projectile development at the Ministry of Supply, and John Elstub, a frustrated British pioneer of liquid-fuelled rockets.

They arrived in Nordhausen four days after its liberation – four vital days, during which the Americans had established themselves.

Elstub and Cook, after a tour of the production lines, collected boxes of valuable components, packed on a lorry by an American expert, Edwin Hull, of General Electric. "We never saw that lorry again," grumbled Elstub, 40 years later. "Hull just shipped it straight back to the US." It was the Britons' first taste of knife-edged competition between the allies.

At that time, Werner von Braun was equally available to the Americans and the British. But crucially, in Britain, unlike America, none of the three military services sought missiles for their armoury, while civil servants lacked both the information and the foresight to appreciate the true importance of missiles. Although it had begun it, Britain was set to lose the missile race.

But while Toftoy was patiently trying to persuade the Germans to accept America's terms, Crow successfully argued that the British, as equal partners, had the right to question the team before they left for America.

Rockets seen as relics of history

Von Braun, Dornberger, Axster and others were flown to 'Inkpot', the Beltane School in Wimbledon, requisitioned as an internment camp for scientists. Crow wanted their advice, and help with Operation Backfire, a British plan to assemble and fire a series of V2s in Cuxhaven, the desolate site on the North Sea coast where 500 Germans and 1,500 British military personnel were building a V2 assembly plant and launching pad.

Operation Backfire went ahead in October 1945. Dozens of planes and hundreds of trains were mobilized to bring German equipment and engineers to Cuxhaven, new roads and railway lines were laid, and sheds built. But the British seemed more interested in learning how to fire a rocket than mastering the scientific knowledge to build one. The Pentagon thought Britain would not seriously contest US control over von Braun.

Hundreds of spectators assembled for the British test firings, but Cook and Elstub were not even invited. To Cook, it was simply "a waste of time". He was astonished how, in a matter of weeks, some in Whitehall had come to regard rockets as historical relics rather than weapons of the future.

All agreed that the test firing was "a good show", but for the Germans, Operation Backfire lived up to its unfortunate codename: it furnished ample proof that the British could not offer an attractive future.

Hammering the wordsmiths

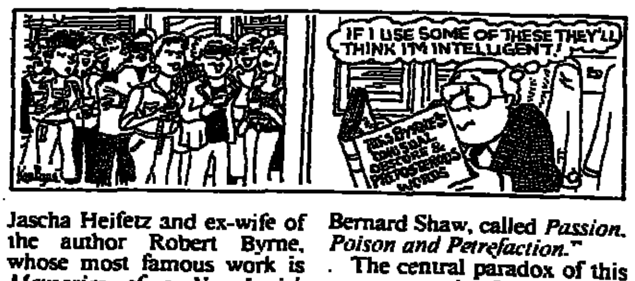
Mrs Byrne's preposterous dictionary is a veritable treasure for Scrabble addicts hooked on the wonderful world of words

Plenary pleniloquence is apt to quackle the quacksalver, while scacchic scaldabancos might saxify as a result of too much xenodochy. Which, translated, means that really excessive talking can suffocate a charlatan, while chess-like debaters may turn to stone through a surfeit of hospitality.

To be able to write in this incomprehensible way is the result of just having been handed a gloriously useless book called *Mrs Byrne's Dictionary of Unusual, Obscure and Preposterous Words*. The title tells no less than the truth, for it is one of those volumes in which you can dabble for a morning and find not a single word which rings the merest tinkle of recognition.

It was first printed in America 13 years ago, and, according to its publishers, the Citadel Press of Secaucus, New Jersey, continues to sell copiously all over the world.

The redoubtable Mrs Josefa Heifetz Byrne of the title embarked on this labour during a respite from her career as concert pianist and composer (she being the daughter of the legendary violin virtuoso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MRS BYRNE'S UNUSUAL OBSCURE & PREPOSTEROUS WORDS

Jascha Heifetz and ex-wife of the author Robert Byrne, whose most famous work is *Memories of a Non-Jewish Childhood*.)

Mrs Byrne's fascination with words began when she read a paper at college by her husband, which was full of "wierd terms" she did not understand. "I went to the library and checked out the bigger dictionaries," she said at her home in California.

"I got lost in all the wonderful words, particularly the semi-technical ones. I mean, *linonophobia*, meaning the fear of string. Who could resist that? But I'm a composer really. I've just finished my first opera, with a libretto by Bernard Shaw, called *Passion, Poison and Petrefaction*."

The central paradox of this most eccentric of dictionaries, as the 57-year-old Mrs Byrne explains, is that the contents, far from being fugitive and outlaw words, are all culled from existing works of reference.

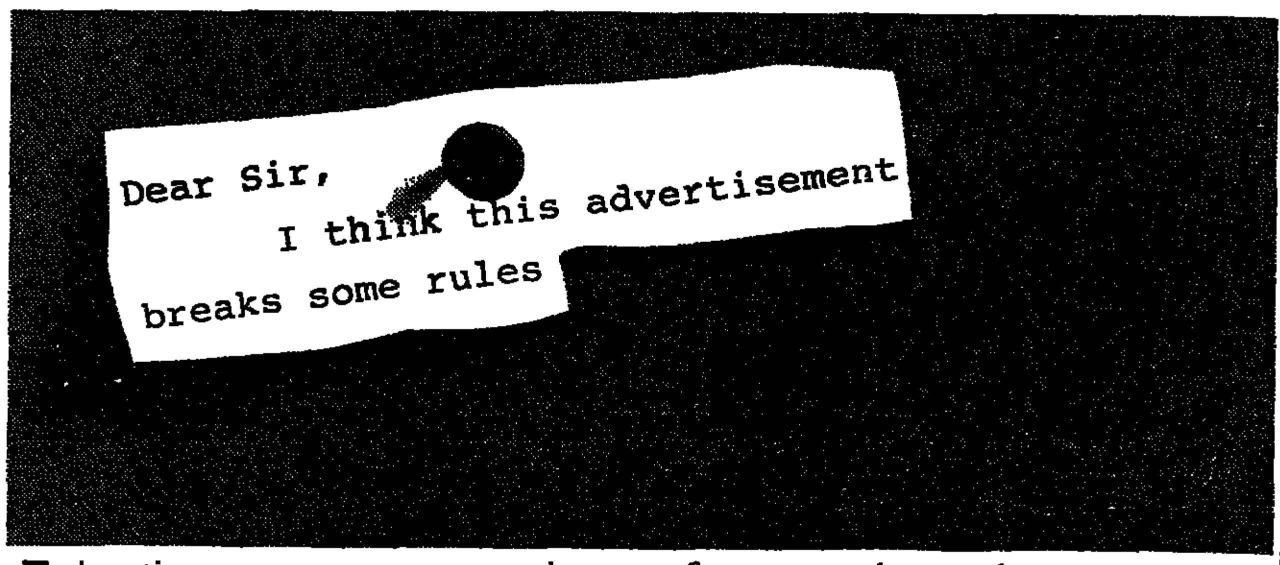
The result is one of the most gloriously erratic hybrids on which I have ever set my gullible eyes, and a veritable Bible for Call My Bluffers. My next paragraph therefore is devoted merely to the act of random quotation, from the most untrumpable lexicographical gambit, "aa", (which is the Hawaiian term for crumbling lava), to "zzxjoanw" (a useful one for your next Scrabble game, meaning a Maori drum).

In between, we have things like: *buccula* (a double chin): *cachinnation* (boisterous laughter): *festination* (walking faster and faster involuntarily): *methionylglutaminylarg*...but here I stop, for these are but the first 22 letters of a word running to 1,913 characters, thereby knocking *antidisestablishmentarianism* into a cocked syllable, while signifying nothing more special than the chemical name for an enzyme with 267 amino acids.

This is a fine log of linguistic eccentrica, but I have a *quibble* (verb, meaning to argue or carp): why does Mrs Byrne withold from us the etymology of her collected verbal freaks?

"A language like English, rich in synonyms and near-synonyms, leaves an enormous slag-heap behind it as it advances and evolves," says her former husband in the foreward. "The problem, of course, is that one man's clinker is another man's nugget."

Alan Franks



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MONDAY PAGE

Christians muscle in on fitness for the soul

A book out soon presents the religious answer to Jane Fonda, urging that the true route to good health is through spiritual exercises for both body and soul. **Libby Purves** listens to the latest voice to emerge among the ranks of the exercise gurus, calling for an end to "spiritual flabbiness"

Physical jerks have taken many forms, from Eileen Fowler to the Royal Marines, but have not often been harnessed to a Christian wagon. So it is startling to find a new voice among the cacophony of exercise gurus: Una Kroll, doctor and deaconess. She says that physical fitness has left us spiritually flabby. Through all the agonies of jogging and going for the "burn", we have been exercising our bodies and neglecting our souls. We now need a religious workout and so she has written it.

There is a lot more to this new outbreak of muscular Christianity than just kneeling. I opened *The Spiritual Exercise Book* at random and chanced upon Week Eight in its programme. It began with these words: "Fix your eyes on Jesus and run to win a crown that will last forever. Position: standing upright, ready to run, you can 'run on the spot', run indoors in small circles or run outside."

Flipping back a few pages, the same unaccustomed juxtapositions turned up in Week Four. "As you stretch your body, let your mind reach for Heaven. Position: kneeling half back on your heels, body curled tightly into a ball, bands locking each arm, head well tucked in". You then do a sort of advanced no-hands stand-up routine and some stretched jumps. Then you meditate on Creation. The weeks go by, with clenched tummy muscles beneath the breastplate of Righteousness, heavenward scissor-jumps and shoulder rotations blending into meditations on Temptation.

It's a curious book: a sort of cross between a 16th-century Jesuit training manual and a modern Californian muscle-burner. It has been packaged quite deliberately to look like an aerobics course, except that the women stretching out in the photographs are wearing modest Christian blouses and print skirts, instead of the usual lasciviously high-cut leotards.

Its publicity shamelessly draws modish parallels ("a Christian challenge to Jane Fonda"), yet anyone with the remnants of a Catholic education can easily identify its roots in the spiritual exercises of St Ignatius Loyola published 400 years ago.

When Dr Kroll's book came out in hardback from a religious publisher it sold "maybe a thousand" copies in Christian bookshops; now it is making a bid for the mass market in paperback with a blurb promising

Tough, funny, Una Kroll: "fix your eyes on Jesus and run to win a crown"

"an eight-week course that can reshape your life". Self-improvement books are 10-a-penny these days; you could reshape your life every week for years without running out of faddish alleyways to go down. But since this book is written by Una Kroll it deserves a closer look than many.

Dr Kroll is both notable and notorious: notable as a profound and well-loved religious writer and counsellor, medical missionary, Anglican deaconess, mother of four children and senior medical officer in a Sussex health district; notorious as the ex-nun who halted the General Synod of 1978 by shouting "We asked you for bread and you gave us a stone" when the motion on the ordination of women was defeated.

She is tough and funny and she has seen a lot of life, and 10 minutes in her company convinces you that she is wise.

My main source of unease about the *Spiritual Exercise* book, as against good old St Ignatius's meditations and stiff-limbed endurance tests, is that the whole exercise craze is so very un-Christian. It is horribly narcissistic. What Jane Fonda and Linda Evans and Racquel Welch are about is, at best, the pursuit of health for its own sake; at worst they are merely building beautiful marketable bodies – sexual commodities – to sell films and cosmetics in a consumer society.

Dr Kroll laughed and agreed immediately. "Yes, narcissism is a problem. But in my exercises you don't think 'this will whittle my waist'. You think 'I give this to God'. The keep-fit movement makes self the goal, not God. We have to reverse those priorities." She is also sensitive to the fact that some of the saintliest people are unable to do a push-up to save their lives, either because they are invalids, or because they are chronic dead-beats and failures in the eyes of the world.

"I am very aware of the paradox. You can be in an awful state physically and yet very close to God. I love *Brideshead* and the drunken holy Sebastian; and I am certainly not setting myself up against the Graham Greene school of holiness, the whisky priests. But I see a danger in the common Christian attitude that your mind and soul are divorced from your body.

"I know a bit about the sort of spirituality which says bodies exist only to be starved into submission: I went through all that in the nunnery, remember. For ages when I was a nun, I went around looking at the ground instead of up at God's beautiful sky. Discipline is a good thing but if you want to use creation, including your body, reverently, you have to take care of it and appreciate it. Not deny it."

Una Kroll is passionate about the goodness of the human body having come late in life, after much spiritual journeying, to marriage and motherhood and the understanding of her womanhood as "essentially good": she has campaigned more openly than most against that streak of celibate misogyny in the Church which still finds women embarrassingly unclean creatures. Her sense of history finds a definite beginning to the idea of divorcing physical perfection (seen as a pagan Greek ideal) from Christian spiritual perfection.

"It goes back to the Desert Fathers. They were in flight from the luxurious late-Roman ethos of Constantinople in the third and fourth centuries. In the beginning the idea of asceticism was to do with martyrdom. You didn't deny your God so you suffered. When the martyrdoms died down there was still a great admiration of suffering itself. So Christians formed an idea that it was somehow good to ignore and throw away your own physical life. That is what I am against: that phase in which the body is despised."

Hence the exercises and meditations, so winningly combining aching muscles and uplifted hearts. After a tussle with her publisher, Dr Kroll managed to include an evening meditation of low-key humility to follow each day's morning exercises. This she saw as insurance against any Pharisaical sense that one is "doing frightfully well". At the end of the eight weeks the faithful follower should be fitter, calmer and more dedicated but not overly proud of the fact.

"And remember, some of the exercises are very hard and therefore close to ascetic practices. You have to be quite trim to start with to achieve these in 15 minutes a day. But it is a freer sort of movement than the traditional nunnery asceticism. In the convent we knelt bolt upright and all you could offer was your discomfort. I used to judge whether I was really praying by whether I could feel my knees: if I could, I wasn't praying. But I think you should be more comfortable in your body than that.

"David danced before the Lord. If being uncomfortable and mortifying your body is the only thing that makes you pray, then that is a phase you must go through. But if you can be in harmony, body and soul, and joyful in your prayer and your body, why not?"

The Spiritual Exercise Book by Una Kroll (Sidgwick & Jackson, £4.95).

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Children of a certain sex

Couples are going to extraordinary lengths to get the right gender 'mix' in their offspring

Pat Lunn gave birth to five boys before having her much longed-for baby daughter: "When they said it was a girl, I burst into tears," admits 33-year-old Pat from Maldon in Essex. "I couldn't sleep for several days afterwards but kept thinking 'now I've got a girl'."

Pat and her husband Martin, a chemist, are not unusual in craving for a child of one particular sex. Parental longing for a boy or a girl can reach absurd – and immoral – heights, as shown in the recent furore over reports that couples were seeking abortions after amniocentesis tests (performed to check on any deformities in the foetus) revealed a baby of the "wrong" sex. As a result, couples may no longer be told if they are expecting a girl or boy, whether they've had amniocentesis or the new test, chorion villus biopsy, which is performed at 10 weeks into the pregnancy.

So what is it that makes women (or is it men?) so desperate that they spend their days wandering round the pink or blue section of Mothercare? For Pat, it was the fairly common desire to have a daughter with whom she could identify.

The Family Planning Association says that while many women want girls to "be like them", an equal number also want boys to continue the line.

"Obviously this can be more important to certain cultures, but the longing for a son or daughter can be so strong for the average white Anglo-Saxon Protestant family that we've been very worried about some of the calls we've received," admits a spokesman. "You get a distinct feeling that they may go on to seek a private abortion if they are not expecting the child they want."

There are more complex permutations according to Dr Andrew Stanway, child expert and himself a father: "A lot of men want girls because of an unconscious feeling that a daughter would be like his wife. But it also depends on the parents' own family background: a woman who has only had sisters might want a son to be different."

The order of the sexes, says Dr Stanway, is something else which is important to expectant parents. "Ten or so years ago most couples would have said they'd like a boy first and then a girl. More recently, patient feedback shows that parents say they 'don't mind'. But I'm not at all sure they are being honest."

What is clear, however, is that even if the girl arrives first, most parents want number two to be of a different sex. Hazel Phillips who, with Tessa Hilton, wrote *Girl Or Boy? Your Chance To Choose* in 1985 still gets at least two letters a day from parents who have got one child and want a different sex in the next pregnancy.

Whether that is true or not, Phillips is convinced that it is the mothers, not the fathers, who really get wound up about the whole subject. Women, she believes, start thinking in childhood about creating the "ideal" family and having children. "Fathers tend to get more worked up later on, after they've had a row of boys or girls."

The need for a boy can reach fever pitch for fathers when the family title is at stake. Charles Kidd, editor of *Debrett*, points out that this is a distinct social need. "Most titles have to be inherited by a boy. So it's natural to want a son – and preferable to have him first, to be on the safe side. There doesn't appear to be a shortage of male heirs at the moment and very few titles are becoming extinct."

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Not everyone agrees that gender is important. Robert Atlay, consultant and spokesman for the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, insists that in 25 years he has never had a patient who was set on a girl or a boy. "They all say, 'I don't mind so long as it's healthy'."

Yet many parents avidly read books on how to get the child of your choice through timing of intercourse or diet. And why else would Americans spend a fortune on "sperm fractioning" clinics where the male sperm (which is meant to be heavier) is separated from the female?

Choice could present social problems. "I suspect that there will be many more first-born boys," says Dr Stanway. "And since many first-born tend to be particularly successful in life, it means that women might be put down even more. It could set the feminist movement back several years.

"And anyway, it would take the surprise element out of having a baby."

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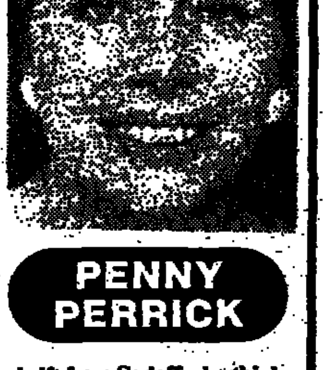

PENNY PERRICK

I wish somebody had given me *Woman as Chameleon: Or How to be an Ideal Woman* when I got divorced. It would have cheered me up no end.

Reading this book is a bit like being a guest in one of those seaside boarding-houses where lists of "don'ts" are pasted up everywhere: don't bring wet swimsuits into the house. Don't entertain visitors in your room. Don't use the hot water after 9pm.

But in the case of *Woman as Chameleon*, which claims to be "an invaluable handbook for wives and a celebration of marriage", the "don'ts" refer to all the things you mustn't do if you wish to hang on to your husband. Don't live in the suburbs, Melissa Sadoff admonishes, because "in my opinion, making such a decision is to give a marriage the kiss of death. Ultimately the couple will grow so far apart, and the wife become so unattractive to her husband, that he is bound to be drawn towards career girls, or even the wives of colleagues who take better care of themselves in town." Is that clear? OK. Go and put your name down for a Knightsbridge penthouse immediately.

Another don't is to try to win an argument with your husband. Rather, say, "I'm sorry, darling, I think I'm right, but I don't want to pursue this conversation if my differing from you upsets you." We are not told darling's reaction to this patronizing sentence but I wouldn't be surprised if it were a sock on the jaw.

Don't be an excellent mother is another maxim, as it will hinder your role as "excellent wife, lover and friend" to your husband. Indeed, children get very short shrift from Sadoff who thinks that "far too many of them are spoiled brats, demanding, selfish and self-centred". Quite possible, if they are part of a household where their mother is constantly spraying her pillows with perfume or feverishly laying out a buffet hours in advance. Not only do you get demanding children that way, you also get soggy canapés.

Even if you adhere to all the don'ts and become the one-woman harem which Sadoff sees as the ideal wife, she offers no guarantees of an enduring marriage. In fact, one chapter in the book is called "Remaining the Ideal Woman during Divorce".

For years, the Ideal Woman has tripped down to the garage, wearing stockings and suspenders under her fur coat, to surprise her husband while he was fixing the car. For years, she has set a rose beside his plate of cornflakes, telephoned him at the office every day to tell him how much she loved him, read all the newspapers so that she was well-informed enough to impress his business colleagues. And Sadoff expects her to take it on the chin when he demonstrates that this behaviour didn't exactly thrill him to the marrow.

I feel the only way for the former one-woman harem to keep her sanity is to relax all her efforts – leave her clothes on the floor, eat baked beans straight from the tin, put on weight. And maybe a move to the suburbs wouldn't be a bad idea either.

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Getting her act together

Jill Townsend, a star of the 1970s TV series *Poldark*, is now a respected academic. She talks to **Sally Brompton**

At what she describes as the "grand inquisition" for her latest job, Jill Townsend informed the panel of academics, "I've no experience in doing this at all so, if there's any doubt in your mind, for heaven's sake don't hire me."

The fact that she was immediately offered the job – as a developments director of Oxford's prestigious management studies centre, Templeton College – demonstrates the council's faith in the ability of this 42-year-old former actress to adapt her skills to the corridors of British academe. She sees her new role as "looking at a 20-year strategy for its growth and development while maintaining its uniqueness and compactness."

Templeton's president, Uwe Kitzinger, cites her "bright intelligence and lateral thinking and excellent approach to people" – as well as her wide experience in a hotch-potch of professions – as the attributes which set her apart from over a dozen other applicants of the calibre of "retired admirals and suchlike".

Townsend herself admits to being slightly worried that she would be out of her depth in a British academic institution. "The British really like to pigeonhole people. I think there were one or two on the panel who couldn't pigeonhole me and were rather nervous about what I'd do."

She stopped acting after starring in the long-running BBC television series, *Poldark*, 10 years ago. But even before that she was continually doing other things such as nursing in Vietnam during the war. "It was quite a shock when I actually got out there because, until then, war to me was a John Wayne picture."

After *Poldark* she asked her son Luke, then six, "Do you mind if we're poor from now on, because I'm going to give this up?" She then began studying international environmental and constitutional law by reading books and writing to the world's experts when she came across anything she did not understand. She had been fascinated by the subject since witnessing the disastrous effects in Vietnam of the lack of communication between the cultures.

When the director of the newly-formed non-political Foundation of International Conciliation (FIC) asked her to join him in setting up the organization in the early 1980s, she leapt at the opportunity.

Chris Harris

A good act to follow: Jill Townsend, happy to be a college star

> **'Until I went out to Vietnam to be a nurse, I thought war was like a John Wayne picture. It was quite a shock'**

She so impressed her new colleagues with her first-hand knowledge of the cultures of south-east Asia that she was taken out from behind her books and given the opportunity to put her theories into practice. The result was an invitation from the Harvard Law School to attend a five-week course on negotiation as "a resource person – because I had experience in it".

It came at the time of her 40th birthday and she found working with third-year law students a rejuvenating experience. "I learnt a lot from them. It gave me the opportunity to test theories that had not been put to work, without getting any throats slit." After one role-playing session in which she participated, several of the students told her "you ought to have been an actress".

The remark amused her but did nothing to tempt her back to the professional stage. "It wasn't what I thought it was going to be," she says of her successful career as an actress. "I think what I liked was learning about somebody completely different, learning them inside out and making them live, making words into a living thing."

She discovered acting at boarding school but was also fascinated by the law. It was only after she found out that training to become a lawyer would involve another six years of studying that she decided "screw this, I'm off to drama school". She trained at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London where she then decided to live.

The eldest of five children of American business executive Robert Townsend, she was brought up in a comfortable and loving environment by the sea on Long Island. Her father was a senior vice-president of American Express, who invented the credit card and the traveller's cheque, and who wrote the best seller, *Up The Organization*, about his experiences working for Avis.

He was appalled when his daughter decided to become an actress. "I was supposed to go to university, get married, have children and live on Long Island." It was only after he saw her in her first production, *Inadmissible Evidence*, on Broadway that he began to "accept it for real".

Of acting, she says, "I don't miss any of it although sometimes I enjoyed it. I used to love the rehearsals, the actual creation of it. But I found that once you got out of drama school a lot of the egos came into it. People fought over how many lines they had or how they were lit. I couldn't bear the pettiness of it. Nobody was looking at the complete production. Whereas I was fascinated by the whole concept of the thing as opposed to the individual parts."

Always a romantic, Townsend married first a drunken Apache stuntman – "a complete disaster" – and then Irish actor Nicol Williamson (the father of 13-year-old Luke) from whom she was divorced 10 years ago. They are now on good terms ("he's still as brilliant as ever") and, according to Townsend, Luke has inherited his father's talent for mimicry.

She has been living for the past decade with musician Alan Price who she describes as "extremely bright and one of the best-read people I know". Of their relationship she says, "We feel married. People usually say that if you're not married within the first two years, don't do it, it will upset everything, and I think it would be bad luck to do it now."

In fact, much of their time has been spent apart over the past few years, with Townsend based in Africa and the Middle East for the FIC, and Price frequently on tour. "We've such totally different careers," says Townsend. "What is nice is that we have a lot to talk about when we get back together so we are not ever bored with each other."

One of the reasons why she was delighted to accept the Templeton College job was that Luke, about to go to public school, asked her, "Until I settle at my new school, can you stay in this country?"

"He's been so generous to me in the past that I felt I couldn't deny him his request," she says. Even so, she admits: "I feel I would be much happier if I was living in Africa. There's a rhythm there that I haven't felt anywhere else in the world. Do you know, there's a tribe that has no numbers in its language? Wouldn't you love to live for a while with people who have no numbers?"

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Party politics

Dissident Tories, such as the Young Conservative who shouted that the 1982 party conference was "stage-managed from start to finish", only to have his mike turned off, will soon have even less room for manoeuvre. The party's voluntary wing, the National Union, is set to push through constitutional rule-changes at its annual meeting in Torquay next month. They include abolishing the right of reply to movers of conference resolutions, forcing constituency associations to adopt model rules drawn up by Central Office, and the removal of the procedure whereby 100 members of the party's Central Council can call a special meeting. MP Robin Squire, a supporter of the Charter Movement, which runs an uphill campaign for greater party democracy, admits: "It's a pretty funny year to start changing the rules." He fears the idea is to prevent a repeat of the movement's success in forcing the National Union to publish its accounts. Lord Sanderson, a member of the National Union's executive, assured me yesterday that the proposals had "nothing to do with Norman Tebbit".

Needled

Norman Tebbit may not have plunged the stake deeply enough through the heart of the Federation of Conservative Students. A mysterious new group calling itself simply Conservative Students has just delivered its first batch of propaganda. Among its posters is one reproducing the Government's harrowing heroin poster showing the effects of the drug on an addict's health. But the original caption has been changed to read: "Socialism really screws you up." Both the DHSS and the Central Office of Information are fuming at the alleged breach of copyright. Tory Central Office disclaims responsibility for the group. A Conservative Students spokesman, Mark Haley, refuses to name its backers but admits it is run largely by former FCS members.

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One good turn

The secretary-general of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of South Africa, Smangaliso Mkhatshwa, has shown how one can turn to the good even a spell behind bars. Imprisoned under South Africa's state of emergency legislation, Father Mkhatshwa persuaded the car mechanic with whom he shared a cell to teach him the art of engine maintenance. In return, there is now one Cape Town car mechanic who is a dab hand at Gregorian chants.

● **Worrying addition to the breakfast menu of the Paddington House Hotel near Warrington: "Toast and Preservatives."**

Railroaded

Mrs Thatcher, who made a rare train journey (to Scarborough) at the weekend, is not the only Tory now singing BR's praises. Arriving late for a Commons housing debate, backbencher Jeremy Hanley explained that he had been held up in Manchester, adding: "The fact that I was able to return especially for the debate is thanks to the efficiency of British Rail and my wife's excellent driving." "Is she a train driver?" chipped in Michael Meadowcroft, the Alliance housing spokesman.

BARRY FANTONI

'Apparently, friends of Neville were planning to time-share a consignment of cannabis'

Tommy rot

Opposition MPs who have attacked the Ministry of Defence educational video *Keeping the Peace* — especially the bit in which the squadron leader says he is as much prepared to drop a nuclear bomb as any other sort — should take a look at *The Unbroken Line*. Produced by the ministry last year, the film celebrates the British soldier through the ages by enacting scenes from Blenheim, Waterloo and the two world wars. The language is, to say the least, colourful. At one point a soldier cries: "They were Jerries all right: made a real mess of their tank. Killed three; the rest are in the bag. One up for the Dorsets, right?" Not quite the way we would wish our children to refer to our Nato allies, one might think. The man from the ministry is unrepentant: "I think we're harder on the French in the Blenheim scenes."

PHS

Putting a leash on leniency

by John Spencer

The outcry over soft-sentencing provoked by the Ealing rape case will resume in the House of Commons tomorrow when MPs on the standing committee of the Criminal Justice Bill debate its clause 29. The clause, which received the backing of Mrs Thatcher last week, enables the Attorney-General to refer cases to the Court of Appeal "to obtain their opinion on the principles which should be observed in sentencing in similar cases in future". It does not, however, allow the sentence to be increased on appeal.

The clause is redundant because the court already has, and takes, the opportunity to give its guidance when disposing of the thousands of appeals against sentence brought by disgruntled defendants each year.

And it is useless, too, because while giving the Court of Appeal the opportunity to wring its judicial hands in horror over the blunder, it forbids it to put it right.

Far from allaying public disquiet about over-lenient sentences, this flaccid proposal seems likely to increase it by advertising.

There is no point in the Court of Appeal merely anathematizing an erroneous sentence, because a judge's sentencing decision is not a binding precedent, least of all when it is obviously wrong. The real evils of over-lenient sentences are these:

They blunt the law's deterrent effect because other offenders, already gambling on not being caught, are tempted to gamble on not being punished too. They outrage the feelings of the victims, who may even be tempted to take the law into their own hands. They demoralize the police, who may not bother to try so hard next time. They are unjust to those who were properly sentenced and who must smart when equally wicked men go free. And they sometimes cause the premature release of dangerous offenders, who are unleashed to rob, rape, mutilate or kill again.

The only cure for these evils is to give our Court of Appeal, like its counterparts in Canada, New Zealand and Australia, the power to impose the sentence which the judge should have imposed. But such a proposal would provoke bitter opposition from many lawyers who think it would offend against the basic traditions of the common law.

The first objection is that it would contradict the tradition that the prosecutor plays no part in the sentencing process, and so turns a neutral figure into an avenging angel. But this is bogus. The prosecutor is indirectly involved in sentencing already. He heavily influences it at one remove because he has the power to choose the charge, and he also controls what damning facts are put before the court. (What he is forbidden to do is to advocate a particular type or length of sentence. This stops him making an impassioned plea for severity, which is good. But it also prevents him reminding the judge of the principles which the Court of Appeal has laid down for his guidance, which is bad in itself, and also offends against the adversarial tradition of justice, since defence counsel can suggest a particular type of sentence, and sometimes does.)

Further, why should giving the prosecution a right to appeal against an over-lenient sentence kill the tradition of prosecution fairness and detachment? In Canada, New Zealand and Australia it has not: why should it do so here?

It is also said that a prosecution appeal against sentence would break the common law rule against double jeopardy. But by this rule we mean two things: the defendant must not be punished twice for the same offence, and the state must not make any further attempt to establish guilt when, like Clive Ponting in the Belgrano secrets case, the defendant has been acquitted on the merits.

A person is not punished twice when an adequate punishment is substituted for one which is inadequate, and the objection to repeated attempts to establish guilt does not arise where the defendant by definition has already been found guilty.

One hundred years ago a defendant who was wrongly convicted could not appeal. Reformers, notably Judge Stephen, pressed for a right of appeal to be created; without success, because people said it would be contrary to the basic traditions of the common law. Then Stephen became insane and grossly blundered in a sensational murder trial with the result, it was feared, that an innocent woman was convicted.

Stephen's distressing public *reductio ad absurdum* of the need for a mechanism to correct a trial judge's mistakes did more than all his patient writings had done to bring about reform.

Mr Justice Leonard, who tried the Ealing case, is not mad, and his total 10-year sentence on the rapist-burglar is defensible. But his sentence would still stand if he was as mad as Stephen and had fined the defendant 1p: and would stand if clause 29 was the law.

Even the best judges, being human, can make mistakes. If British justice is really the best in the world it ought to be able to correct them.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

A good man in Brooklyn and Bayreuth

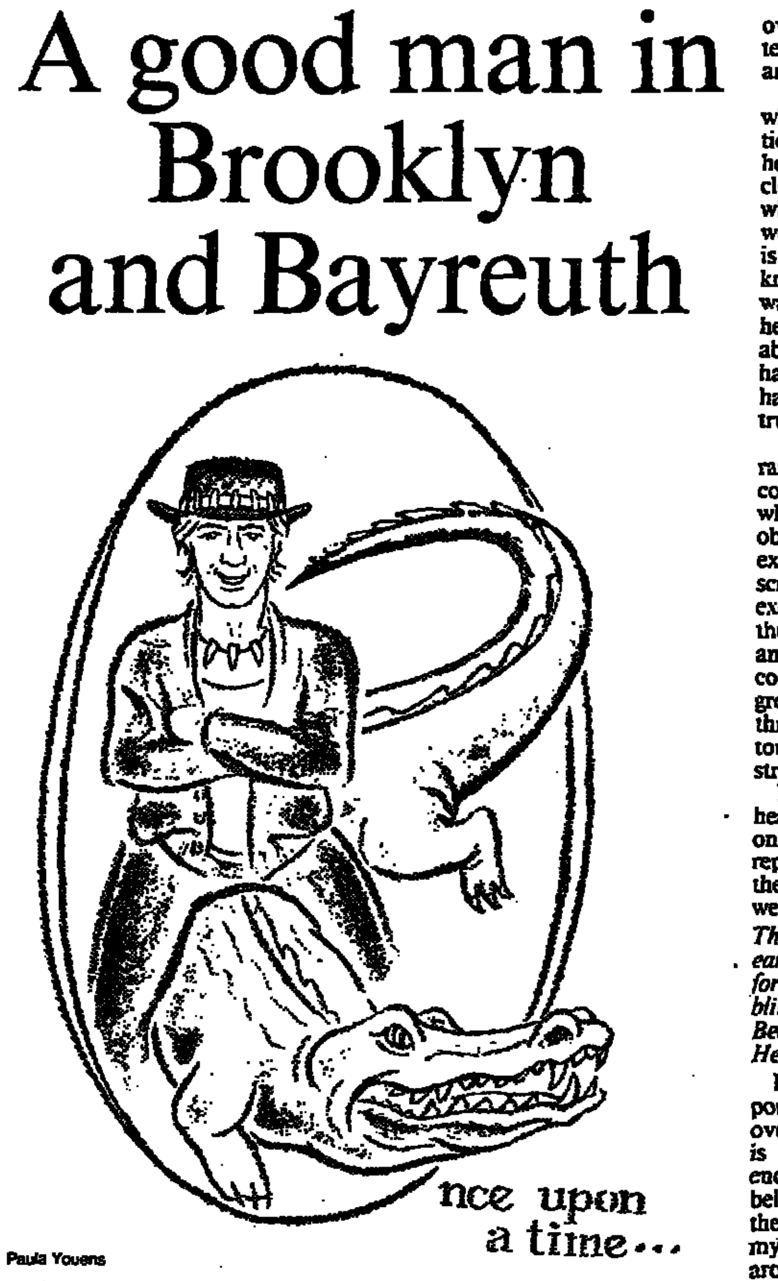
For reasons too uninteresting to explain, I very rarely go to the cinema. When I do go, therefore, I choose the film with more than ordinary care. Four-hour Japanese epics about people disembowelling themselves in high-pitched voices are out; any French film made later than 1945 is out; American films tending to show that America is, or for that matter is not, the Great Satan are out; all films recommended to me by the people who recommended *A Room With A View* (the most over-praised phenomenon since the South Sea Bubble) are out, out, out.

These days, that doesn't leave very much. But among what it does leave is the film I saw last week: *Crocodile Dundee*. It was recommended to me by a friend who knows my exacting cinematic tastes, though my faith wavered when I learned that it was about an Australian with a funny hat who strangles crocodiles with his bare hands; my friend pressed the case for it, however, in such passionate terms that I gave in, and a few days later there I was in what when I was a boy would have been the one-and-nines. (Why are cinemas so dirty now? They never used to be. And why is the advertising before the film so bad?)

Crocodile Dundee (he does wear a funny hat, but at least it doesn't have corks hanging from the brim) kills a crocodile or two in the course of the film, one of them in a very scary scene, but that is not what the film is about. What it *is* about is what happens next. For the plot — slender but adequate — concerns an American girl reporter who is sent to do a story about his crococidal exploits, and thinks that it would make a more interesting ending to the feature if she can persuade him to come back to New York with her, the idea being to portray his reactions when he finds himself in a great city. These, she reckons, will be interesting, since he has never before been in *any* city, large or small; his response to New York is indeed memorably funny, and obviously he and the reporter fall in love. The final scene is simultaneously touching and hilarious; the audience burst into a roar of applause and cheers when it became clear that she was going to end up with the right man.

But I did not come here today to review the film, quite apart from the fact that it has already been reviewed by the appropriate man on the appropriate page. The point about *Crocodile Dundee* is that it is more than splendid entertainment, and it is in that "more" that the extra interest lies.

The film is a fairy-story. To begin at the end, fairy-stories invariably finish "they lived happily ever after", and this one is no exception. But even the smallest pause for reflection will demonstrate that the sophisticated urban girl and the rugged bushman would *not* live happily ever after. For a start, where are they going to do their happy living? In her New York, where he would curl up and die of polluted air in a month? Or his Walkabout Creek, which consists of a pub and a few shacks, where she would keel over from culture-shock in a fortnight? Fairy-stories rightly take no account of such practical matters; nor does *Crocodile Dundee*. But it is important to bear in mind that the film is a genuine fairy-story, not just a romance; it is not Mills and Boon but the Brothers Grimm. And the hero is not just Clint Eastwood off his horse (though I don't go to the cinema, I like to be well informed, you see); he is something much more significant. He is a true hero of legend, and not just a hero but a particular kind of hero.



Paula Youens

Crocodile Dundee is the perfectly pure, wholly innocent (innocent in both senses of the word) figure who is found in the epic literature of all the nations which have such sagas. He is Beowulf and King Arthur, Roland and Oliver, Candide and Bertie Wooster, Prince Charming and Bilbo Baggins and Robin Hood. He is even — indeed, above all — Wagner's Parsifal, *"durch Mitleid wissend, der reine Tor"* (the pure fool, made wise by pity), and if you think that that is coming it a bit strong, let me show you him in some of the New York scenes.

He encounters a pair of prostitutes: he has literally no idea of what they are offering him, because he has literally never heard of prostitution, and when their ponce appears and upbraids them for not getting on with their work, Crocodile knocks him unconscious, not out of revulsion for such a trade, but because the man used bad language in front of ladies. In the funniest single sequence of the entire film, he is at a *demi-monde* party; he comes upon transvestism for the first time, and his amazement (he had likewise never so much as heard of it before) is wonderful to behold, but not so wonderful as his encounter with a cocaine-sniffer in the kitchen. "Blocked nose, eh?" says Crocodile sympathetically, then turns the snort into the old Friar's Balsam treatment; the addict watches in glazed incomprehension as Crocodile shakes his entire store of the costly white power into a bowl, pours hot water over it, drapes a tea-towel over the coke-sniffer's head and tells him to get his face right down and breathe deeply.

Now in real life there is nobody who has never heard of prostitution, few indeed who have never heard of gentlemen in ladies' clothing and vice versa, fewer still who think that cocaine is an old word for Utopia. When Crocodile is held up by a young punk with a knife and told to hand over his wallet, the puzzlement with which he says "Why should I do that?" is absolutely genuine; the man who has never heard of prostitution has never heard of theft. More; the truth is, *he has never heard of sin.*

Those who are without sin are rare; perhaps only a few saints could be thus described. But he who does not know what sin *is* obviously does not and cannot exist. And yet there he is on the screen, in a product made by an exceptionally sinful industry, and there he is, too, throughout history and literature, the avatar who comes to announce glad tidings of great joy, and who can walk through the sinful world untouched, as the fire-walkers can stroll over red-hot coals.

If you think that I am making heavy weather of what is, after all, only a film designed to entertain, I reply that many, indeed most, of the sagas to which I have referred were designed only to entertain:

The wild village folk in earth's earliest prime/ Could often sit still for an hour at a time/ And hear a blind beggar, nor did the tale pall/ Because Hector must fight before Hector could fall . . .

Here, though, is the most important element in the story. All over the world, wherever the film is being shown, it is the most enormous success. But I do not believe that that is due solely to the film's entertainment value. To my ears, the applause I heard around me at the end of it seemed to have an additional cause, rare in today's popular entertainment. For *Crocodile Dundee* offers a story that is not only wholly positive throughout, but is positive on a plane far above the level on which mere entertainment (though I see nothing mere about entertainment) operates.

It tells us that innocence exists, and not only exists but triumphs. Never mind our knowledge that it usually doesn't; for the hundred minutes of the film we *believe*, and the triumph of innocence, clad in the infinite power of belief, becomes the normative reality. Why do you suppose that the legendary figures whom Crocodile resembles have lived on so long in stories of such richness and meaning? Because they tell us that the world will be saved, that good is not only better than evil but stronger, that there is not enough darkness in all the universe to put out the light of one small candle. They give us something to aspire to, but they also give us a renewal of the oldest promise in the world: Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Or, to put it another way, they shall live happily ever after.

An Italian miracle? Don't bank on it

Rome

Italy has surpassed Britain in economic performance, according to official statistics. This is despite the fact that our economic policies have been dominated over the past quarter of a century by the ideas of an army of Cambridge-educated economists, who have succeeded in importing the "Keynesian" and "neo-Ricardian" consensus — with generally disastrous economic results.

Be that as it may, the news of *il sorpasso*, as this achievement is called, has been welcomed with great joy by the Italian government: both the Minister of the Treasury and the Prime Minister have repeatedly referred to it with pride. Their implicit assumption seems to be that such an outstanding result is entirely due to their wise and enlightened steering of the ship of state toward victory. One is inclined to suppose that they secretly rejoice at having achieved what Mussolini sought in vain. A great victory for our national pride.

But is it really? First of all, all evidence suggests in no uncertain way that Italy's economic "success" has been achieved not because of enlightened government policies, but despite confiscatory taxation, gigantic public deficits, widespread inefficiency of public sector firms, and runaway public spending.

There are a number of other reasons for taking the news with a larger than usual pinch of salt. National income statistics are, as we all know, very difficult to take at face value. And, if it is true that Italy has a fairly large underground economy, and probable that Italy's unrecorded income is larger than England's, it is also true that public services enter national income data on the assumption that their value equals their cost. Now, here you have a truly "heroic" assumption, which by itself makes the whole comparison rather meaningless.

Take, for example, the Servizio Sanitario Nazionale (the Italian equivalent of the NHS). Its annual cost is in excess of 40.000 billion lire (some £20 billion). Yet its performance is so poor that almost one half of those who are supposedly entitled to "free" health care resort to private sector medical services, and pay twice — once in taxes for public health, once in fees to private doctors.

The 40,000 billion lire of public health none the less enter national income statistics as the value of services rendered, even though most of that money is wasted in the support of a gigantic politico-bureaucratic apparatus, which cures nobody.

What is true of public health is generally true of public sector activities: mail delivery, schooling, law and order, etc. Italians invariably resort to the market whenever they need the services they are entitled to receive "free" from the public sector. It is, therefore, not unrealistic to suppose that the value of the services rendered by the government is much smaller than their cost.

To simplify the arithmetic, let us assume that government services are worth 50 per cent of their cost (a gross exaggeration, for they are definitely worth much less). Since public sector spending amounts to more than 60 per cent of gross domestic product, if public services are valued correctly, true GDP falls short of recorded GDP by a very large fraction.

It is true that there is also the underground economy, so that some income produced is not recorded, but there is no reason to suppose that unrecorded income would be anywhere near 30 per cent of GDP. Official statistics, therefore, tend to overstate the size of our national income.

What does this have to do with *il sorpasso*? I do not know enough about Britain to pass a judgement on the quality of your public services, but as a confirmed Anglophile, I am inclined to believe that they cannot be worse than Italy's (and I would believe the same even if I were not an Anglophile.)

Signor Craxi's government will have to come up with something more significant than this dubious international comparison, reminiscent of past exercises in nationalism, if it wants to earn the approval of the thinking part of the Italian electorate.

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T.E. Utley

Rights, wrongs and abstainers

Sir Edward Gardner's human rights bill was killed in the Commons on Friday by abstentions. Our distinguished and angry contemporary, *The Guardian*, has its own explanations of this fact. The Tory whips, it says, knew that the Prime Minister did not want the bill to pass, although she had felt obliged to give it a free vote because of the strength of support for it in the Cabinet. The whips, therefore, could not mobilize support for it.

On the other hand, they knew that some eminent Tories, like Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone and Leon Brittan, favoured the bill. They could not therefore urge its rejection, so they urged a mass abstention instead. *The Guardian* might have added that many Tories may have felt abstention to be a prudent course, since who controls the government is no longer quite so clear as it used to be. Labour backbenchers, it would seem, stayed away (as they often do) simply because they thought they would be better occupied in their constituencies.

In my view, these explanations are inadequate. What really killed the bill was a terrible ideological dilemma. Backbench MPs on both sides are not what you would call deep-thinking jurists, but they have a few simple ideas that guide their conduct. For a long time "human rights" had been seen by the Tories as a stick with which to beat centralising socialism. By the same token, Labour had regarded them as a prerogative of the Conservatives.

Just recently, however, the socialists, earnest in their pursuit of a means of denouncing the Tories without appearing themselves to be socialists, have latched on to the fantasy that Mrs Thatcher is an authoritarian dedicated to depriving free-born Englishmen, like the BBC, of their natural and prescriptive rights. Neither side knew exactly which way to go. The Tories did not want to give any hostages to the left-wing critics of Mrs Thatcher's "authoritarianism"; the socialist backbenchers were not altogether happy about entrenching the liberty of the individual against bureaucratic tyranny by incorporating the "European Convention on Human Rights" into English law. After all, the Strasbourg court, though against caning in schools, has proved itself to be not all that fond of trade unions.

It was a fearful dilemma for these simple, decent legislators on both sides of the House. How could one know which side in British politics a human rights bill would ultimately favour? And that, after all, was the only question that mattered in British politics.

Nevertheless, I think that Sir Edward has only himself to blame. He is an admirable man, but he has operated on the principle that, when proposing some fundamental change in Britain's political arrangements, one should always pretend that one is proposing nothing of any significance. He tells us, for example, that his bill would not diminish the sovereignty of Parliament because Parliament could rescind it.

That is not a very impressive argument, nor, indeed, is it entirely true. Parliament having done this thing would find it, extraordinarily difficult, if not impossible, to undo it, as Sir Edward perfectly knows. Had the bill become law, it would not have been long before attempts to repeal or amend it would have been stigmatised as unconstitutional. Sir Edward says, with a fine flourish of patriotism, that it is intolerable that British subjects should have to go to an international court to vindicate their rights instead of going to British courts; but, under his arrangement, British courts would have to interpret an international convention that is, in many respects, out of tune with the law of the land. Moreover, Strasbourg would hear appeals from the British courts.

These arguments, I am bound to tell him, are in effect, though not in intention, fraudulent. Sir Edward should have made it quite clear that his purpose was to destroy the sovereignty of parliament. This might well have gained him more support, though I hope not.

Should we then simply cheer at the defeat of Sir Edward's bill? I think not. He was drawing our attention, as Lord Hailsham has done over the years, to the dangers of an elective dictatorship in this country, to the fact that a victorious political party, perhaps elected by a minority vote, can thereafter control the destiny of the country (in so far as anybody can) and even decide when its stewardship shall be put to the test of a general election. This, I believe, is a bad system as it at present operates.

One way of amending it was suggested in *The Times* last Friday by Simon Lee, who wanted us to have a permanent commission of privy counsellors and "the great and the good" to make comments on parliamentary legislation and executive acts. I think this a quite extraordinarily bad idea. Comments made by people who have no responsibility for the exercise of power on those who do exercise it are tantamount to journalism, with the difference that, when such comments are given official status and made by "the great and the good", they are much more of a nuisance. Anyway, to my mind, one of the best reforms we could achieve in politics would be the elimination of the great and the good from public life altogether.

No: the right, and characteristically British, way forward is to reform the House of Lords, to restore to it reasonable delaying power, and to have recourse to national referendums on all matters of fundamental importance. Sir Edward Gardner may have succeeded in addressing our attention to these deep constitutional issues. However, I very much doubt it.

Philip Howard

No scoop like an old scoop

Let us now praise famous hacks, and our forefathers that scooped us. The Belfast *News Letter* is celebrating its 250th anniversary. She is a grand old lady of the inky trade: her chairman, Captain Bill Henderson, has been with the paper for 40 years; the family connection spans two centuries.

It has had famous scoops. In 1776 it became the first newspaper on this side of the Atlantic to publish the American Declaration of Independence, that trumpet-tongued "We hold these truths to be self-evident" that still makes the hairs at the nape of the neck bristle. Heavy storms forced the ship carrying the declaration to put into Londonderry. An intrepid hack rowed out to it and scribbled down the text for the *News Letter*, scooping Fleet Street, and the rest of Europe.

The *News Letter* is celebrating its anniversary with the bold claim that it is "The Oldest British Daily Newspaper", which comes as something of a surprise to those of us who were making the same claim for *The Times* two years ago. We had better look into the matter. The *News Letter* was established as a weekly in 1737 and became a daily in 1855. *The Daily Universal Register* was founded in 1785 and changed its name to *The Times* in 1788. The *Berrow's Worcester Journal* is older, but not a daily. *Lloyd's List* became a daily in 1734, but is not a newspaper in the extreme acceptance of the word. The truth is that the *News Letter* is the oldest surviving English language weekly that has become a daily. *The Times* is the oldest original daily.

It is odd that newspapers protest so much about their longevity, when their names and nature proclaim their interest in what is new rather than what is old. If you want to criticize the press, you might well say that its ideas of what is news are distinctly old-fashioned. Newspapers are predominantly run by middle-aged men who have hardly mixed in the real world for 30 years. They work long hours. Their favourite recreation is gossiping about journalism in the pub with other journos. The only art they have time for is television, which is a pseudo or non-art. They lead pitifully narrow lives. And their idea of what makes news was formed a generation ago when they were cub reporters being trained by crusty old news editors whose ideas had been formed a generation before that. So Fleet Street, or whatever new topographical eponym we get for the press now that Fleet Street is dead, runs on ideas of news that are as old-fashioned as Aesop's aunt.

Take the inky axiom, devoutly believed by hard journos, that news sells papers. It is true that crisis and catastrophe are good for the sales of the serious newspapers because people are anxious to read as much as they can of the latest. But you have only to look in the newsagent's to see that it is not news that sells the pops but bingo, royal rubbish, and the intimate lives of actors and actresses playing characters in soaps. News hasn't sold papers of the pop variety for a generation, but the old journos still mumble the lie.

News is a notoriously slippery concept. There is no subject so esoteric that some people will not find it news. There is no news so sensational that some people will not find it boring. One man's news is another man's tedium.

There have been many attempts to define the damned slippery thing. News is what someone somewhere doesn't want published: true only of exposé and investigative journalism. News is anything that makes a woman say, "For heaven's sake!" People everywhere confuse what they read in newspapers with news. An editor is one who separates the wheat from the chaff and prints the chaff.

The death of Napoleon was announced in a Paris salon attended by Wellington and Talleyrand. In the hush after the announcement, somebody said: "What an event!" "It is no longer an *event*," said Talleyrand. "It is only a piece of news."

There is no satisfactory, universal definition of news. But even the most venerable and proud newspapers can only survive by spending their time, like the Athenians, in nothing else but hearing some new thing, observing what interests the new generation, and finding new ways to tell it.

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THE COST OF SECRECY

In the early stages of the Zircon affair, Mr Neil Kinnock told the BBC that the introduction of a Freedom of Information Act would be a priority for an incoming Labour government. Dr Owen and Mr Steel are also committed to such an Act. So are some senior Conservatives, although none as yet in the Cabinet.

It is no special disrespect to these gentlemen to be suspicious of such commitments. All policies look different when one is outside Whitehall looking in. None looks more different than open government. Information is power. To a new and insecure administration, its control of information may seem the only secure power it has.

There are Freedom of Information Acts in various forms in Australia, Canada and the United States. Their shared principle is to change the presumption of government paperwork from secret (unless judged otherwise) to open (unless judged otherwise).

Discussion of the Zircon affair has rightly centred on the failure of the State to keep a genuine military secret and the responsibilities of citizens if they have the chance to exploit such a failure. It has been almost universally accepted that the Zircon files themselves, under any conceivable Act, should have remained closed. Less discussion has taken place about the files which, if there were to be the new Act for which so many are now calling, would suddenly be open.

All supporters of the Freedom of Information campaign, (including ex-mandarins who have stamped more papers 'secret' than they have eaten clubland lunches) share the belief that Section Two of the Official Secrets Act is discredited. Indeed, the words "discredited" and "Section Two" have been joined to form a symbiotic cliché, beloved of interviewees of all political persuasions.

Public opinion simply does not accept that all "unauthorised" disclosures of events inside government can be dealt with under the same broad statute. As we report today, the Government is once more looking at the problem of drafting a new Official Secrets Act more tightly.

Apart from their rejection of Section Two, however, the proponents of Freedom of Information are divided. Some believe that the public has an *ipso facto* right to information gathered by salaried servants on its behalf; some that the Press has a special right to be the conduit of that information.

There are those who believe (with varying degrees of optimism) that Britain would be better governed if officials were to work under closer public scrutiny. There are those who believe (with more or less reluctance) that only a more open and thus more respected system will protect Britain's most crucial military secrets.

Those who are against a Freedom of Information Act are similarly divided. Some believe that an elected Government has an overriding mandate to govern by whatever means it sees fit and that the line between essential confidentiality and inessential secrecy can never safely be drawn. They say that just as the public has no right to government information, neither does the Press have any special rights on the public's behalf.

There are those who think that secrecy is a mere scapegoat for the country's industrial decline. An open Britain, they say, would be worse governed, either because its civil servants would be even more averse to taking risks than they are at present, or because the traditional role of MPs in scrutinising the executive would be devalued.

Others think that the change would imperil essential secrets like Zircon still further. They argue that hostile governments have increasingly powerful computers which can piece together important patterns of information from apparently disparate and trivial sources. Fewer secrets should therefore be made available. In particular, more documents in non-government laboratories should carry a security classification.

If a British newspaper is to take a stand on one of these positions, it has immediately to declare a special interest. We want what is best for the country. We also have a natural tendency to want what is best for ourselves.

There are bound to be conflicts here. It is an unfortunate source of confusion that so much of the thinking about Freedom of Information law comes from the United States where the culture of journalism is to treat its own greatest freedom and the country's greatest good as equivalents.

All democracies need a degree of abrasion between their constituent parts, and much of the rancour that exists here between the political parties exists in the US between politicians and the press. Both sides like it that way.

In Britain matters are managed differently. Newspapers do not claim an *ipso facto* right to government information. We have long (almost certainly for too long) accepted the presumption of secrecy as part of the governmental backdrop against which we live and work. We see the constraints upon our access to information partly as an irritation, partly as a challenge but, most of all, as the established framework in which things are done.

Few journalists, considering simply their own positions as investigators and communicators (even entertainers), would say no to a system which, for example, in the US defence department results in the unhindered publication of tens of thousands of documents a year. Looked at, however, from the standpoint of the British public interest, the answer is not so easy.

Decisions in Britain to release information are made currently out of a mixture of high level political convenience (ministerial briefings), lower level political convenience (more often described as leaks), demands from MPs in parliamentary questions, and direct public requests to government departments. How different would a new system be?

The ministerial leakers would still leak information (often the most sensitive information) for their political ends. Journalists would still find Whitehall's bars as fruitful as its filing cabinets.

There would certainly be a greater quantity of information; probably greater quality too. There would be a proper appeal system against the withholding of documents which the enquirer thought should be released.

From the point of view of the press, the advantage of that would depend on who controlled the appeal body: "if me, great, if you, lousy", as an American columnist once commented. But, leaving journalistic concerns aside, would change be for the better?

In important respects the real debate on official secrecy mirrors the debate on the government of Britain as a whole which took place early in Mrs Thatcher's premiership. The question to be asked is: what will arrest national decline, a fine tuning of the corporatist controls or a wholesale assault on tired institutions?

On that occasion we chose the assault — though in the event it turned out to be somewhat less than wholesale? For the same reasons we are tempted now to choose a Freedom of Information Act — with the expectation that it too will not be quite the revolution which its supporters would like.

If Britain could adopt a more open style of government without raising new constitutional difficulties (and, incidentally, incurring significant administrative costs) that would be preferable. If a government directive or a parliamentary resolution were sufficient to force civil servants to come out of the dark, then an Act would be unnecessary.

The evidence, however, that the system needs a shock is very great — and all the more authoritative when it comes from former mandarins of the secret world itself. The best case for a Freedom of Information Act is that it alone is likely to provide such a shock; and that subsequently Britain would be not only better governed but better protected.

The practical problems are great. How can Freedom of Information be squared with the current rules of ministerial accountability to Parliament? Where would the exclusions fall? Who would decide disputed cases?

There are no agreed or obvious answers. The debate has hardly yet begun. All-party support is essential. Yet no Select Committee of the Commons is conducting a comprehensive survey of such matters. It seems a matter of great unconcern except at times like this.

It ought not to stay a matter of unconcern. For when Zircon returns to its place in the dictionary of precious stones, the wider problems of our secret government will be with us still.

OUT OF THE SHADOW OF 1916

It is possible that the most significant result to emerge from the Irish general election, to be held a week tomorrow, may not be the choice of the next government. For there are signs of fundamental shifts in the Irish polity. They are small signs, but they are there.

No Irish government of recent times has been able, within its term of office, to make as much impact on the problems of the economy as the impact which worsening economic circumstances make on individual lives. Politics has thus been trapped in a cycle of election, change of government, disillusion, another election and another change of government. On this occasion too, if early campaign polls are any guide, the voters will opt for the greener grass on the other side of the fence.

No pun on the republican credentials of the likely victors, Mr Charles Haughey's Fianna Fail, is intended. For Northern Ireland will not be the reason for any major Fianna Fail gains. The North as an issue has, for some years now, been fading further into the background of southern election campaigns as the economic decline of the South has accelerated. And this process has been accelerated by the signing of the year-old Anglo-Irish Agreement.

Pari passu, the civil war over the terms of Irish independence — which originally divided Fianna Fail from Fine Gael — is also ceasing to exert its old influence on attitudes. This change has been most vividly symbolised by the foundation of the Progressive Democrats, whose appeal is based on an explicit rejection of civil war divisions. But it is part of a larger and gradual change in Irish society as it has turned ever more confidently towards the outside world after the De Valera years of relative isolation.

There are as a result some small hints that the four Irish parties might realign along something like the left-right spectrum to be found in most European parliaments. If that does occur, the most natural coalition partnerships would seem to be Fianna Fail and the dwindling Labour Party, which promise to combine economic growth with fiscal stabilisation, and between Fine Gael and the Progressive Democrats, who favour more austere economic remedies.

That may not happen next week. If the polls are any guide, Mr Haughey should be able to govern this time round without needing to go into coalition at all. Hopes of realignment, moreover, have been raised and dashed before. In the 1960s, the rise of the Labour Party was thought to herald such a transformation. Its share of the vote, however, then proceeded to fall by half in less than 20 years.

But any prospect which helps to encourage a shift away from a political system and culture dominated by consuming nationalist passions is to be welcomed. Nationalism has a part to play in the imaginative life of any society, or as one voice in the cacophony of democratic politics. But in Ireland it has dominated and distorted the political life of three generations. Its official expressions have unwittingly lent respectability to murder and glamour to conspiracy. And the energies of Irish society have been diverted from social betterment to futile irredentist recrimination. If next week's election marks the end of that historical chapter, there will be cause for rejoicing on both sides of the Irish Sea.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Distrust of misleading labels

From the Chairman of the British Clothing Industry Association Ltd

Sir, It was astonishing to read (February 4, later editions) that the Consumers' Association is not lending its support to the campaign to replace the 1972 Trade Descriptions Act with legislation which would continue to protect the consumer from being misled.

The Trade Descriptions Act, which has been under investigation by and has not found favour with the EEC Commission, is of very wide import as it applies to all goods. It makes it an offence to use a British or British-sounding name or mark on non-UK manufactured goods, at retail point of sale, unless the country of origin is marked. The reasoning behind this Act is clear — it seeks to protect the consumer from being misled into thinking a good is British when in fact it is not.

The British clothing industry views with very great concern the repeal of the 1972 Act and is advocating that clothing should be treated in the same way as food, on which origin labelling is required if there is a danger that the consumer will be misled.

The EEC Commission's view that there is normally no danger of the consumer being misled in the case of non-food products is not one that we share. Why else should Far East manufacturers put Scottish-sounding names on their cashmere sweaters if there were not a danger of the consumer being misled?

The article also implies that voluntary origin labelling will be affected by the repeal of the 1972 Act, but this is not the case. However, it would be naive to believe that manufacturers will always be able to put a country of origin label on the goods that they produce. In the United Kingdom it is often the retailer who determines what information is contained on a label affixed to, for example, a garment. Where a retailer is selling the same or similar goods sourced from both the UK and from abroad it is unlikely that he will wish to distinguish those goods that are sourced from the UK.

Yours faithfully,
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Association Ltd,
British Apparel Centre,
Oxford Circus,
7 Swallow Place, W1.
February 5.

Mergers not in public interest?

From Mr George W. Smith

Sir, Amidst all the discussion of merger mania, David Smith (article, January 28) is one of the few correspondents to refer to its most serious industrial consequence — industrial concentration. His article indicates a sad dearth of up-to-date statistics on five-firm concentration ratios in key industries which it's hoped will be made good by the Liesner enquiry. Indications are that concentration continues apace, which could seriously jeopardise this Government's objective of more competitive markets.

The issue has been muddied by the fact that most recent mergers are conglomerate — between firms in different product fields — rather than horizontal — in the same product market — and so appear not to undermine competition. But this view could be too complacent. If not market shares, key decision-making centres in British industry could have become concentrated in a few huge, often sprawling conglomerate groupings whose overall power is a challenge to the authority of governments yet who are accountable just to their shareholders.

Small firms, whose numbers have undoubtedly grown in the 1980s, do not offer an adequate challenge to the industrial giants. Indeed, in some industries giant firms are both inevitable and beneficial if economies of scale are to be fully secured and foreign competition effectively matched. Yet even in industries not regarded as natural monopolies few small, or medium-sized firms for that matter, are able to challenge, let alone replace the giants.

Household names like Guinness, ICI, GEC seem to have been around since the year dot. Many, if not the majority of small firms (again we don't know how many), far from competing with, depend entirely on a big-brother company at the centre of a huge contractual network. They are insignificant branches in the network.

This is hardly the competitive market model so enamoured of economists and monetarist politicians. To work such a model must consist of a constantly shifting kaleidoscope of budding, growing, declining and collapsing firms, all of roughly comparable size.

Such a structure may have existed in the early days of industrialism but it would be impossible to recreate it today, given the scale and nature of modern industry. So governments should first find out what structures actually exist and how they really operate, not how they imagine competition works, and then seek to ensure that they operate to the public advantage.

Accepting that giant conglomerates can hardly be competitive in the accepted sense, a strategy is needed to prod them into becoming more efficient and effective in more than narrow accounting terms. And, because of their enormous combined market power, they should be made much more accountable to a wider constituency than just their shareholders.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE SMITH,
14 Southfield Drive,
Hazlemere, Buckinghamshire.
January 31.

The Burton affair

From Mr Edwin G. Noble

Sir, The Burton affair seems to me to raise an important point. The final decision as to the controversial scheme was settled by a card-vote of the shareholders. Nearly all major companies in this country have the majority of their shares held by institutions of one sort or another. The decisions as to how their votes are cast are made by their management. So in the last resort decisions about the remuneration of directors lie in the hands of other directors or managers who have a vested interest in pushing up the rate for the job.

Directors must be about the only group of people, apart from MPs, who are in the position of collectively settling their own remuneration.

Yours faithfully,
EDWIN G. NOBLE,
83 South Drive,
Chorltonville,
Manchester.
January 30.

Treasure trove offence

From the Director, Leicestershire Museums and Art Galleries

Sir, Peter Saunders, Curator of Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, raises very important points (January 30) in relation to the highly unsatisfactory position that has arisen in the case of the Donhead St Mary hoard, following the decision of the treasure trove reviewing panel to reward the finder despite a successful conviction for the illegal use of a metal detector in its discovery.

Whilst I very much sympathise with the dilemma of Peter Saunders and his trustees, I am sure that in strict terms at least there is no conflict between their action and the Museums Association's ethical code, or indeed that of the International Council of Museums adopted in November, 1986, (both of which codes I helped to draft).

The Museums Association code states explicitly that "museums should not acquire by *purchase* (my emphasis) in such circumstances".

The legal definition of a verdict of treasure trove means quite explicitly that the property belongs to the Crown and not the finder and hence Salisbury's payment of the assessed reward to the finder cannot in any way be described as a "purchase", and hence for my money at least they have behaved entirely properly in these extremely unpleasant circumstances.

The Wiltshire case illustrates the fact that the prosecution of treasure hunters for working on scheduled monuments can be entirely effective, and in this respect the relevant parts of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979 go at least some way towards meeting the UK's international treaty obligations under the European Convention on the Protection of Archaeological Heritage 1973.

It is, however, very likely that the decision of the treasure trove reviewing panel in this case, and even more so the most unsatisfactory rules under which they operate, represent a substantial breach of certainly the spirit (at the very least), and possibly the wording, of the 1973 European Convention.

Yours sincerely,
PATRICK BOYLAN
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The Museums Association),
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Galleries,
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Organ donation

From Mr C. J. Rudge

Sir, Under the current system in Britain there is a failure to ensure that all suitable donor organs are used, mainly because the relatives of suitable donors are not invariably approached. As a consequence, the number of patients waiting for kidney transplants continues to increase, and now approaches 4,000.

There is an alternative. Clinicians could be *required* — following the establishment of brainstem death in a patient under their care — to *discuss* with a transplant unit the suitability of the patient as a donor and the advisability or otherwise of an approach to the relatives.

This would achieve two things. First, it would establish the number of organs potentially available for transplantation — something essential for future planning, which at present is derived only from small local studies.

Second, and more important, it would inevitably initiate the procedure for removing these organs, but only if *all* those involved — clinicians, nursing staff and the donor's relatives — were in agreement. No one would be compelled to follow a course about which they had genuine reservations, but the increased discussion regarding potential organ donors would, I am sure, increase the number of transplants performed.

Yours faithfully,
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Sheffield Street, WC2.

Computers' use in schools

From Mr Thomas Gough

Sir, Geoffrey Hubbard's letter (February 2) regarding computers in schools prompts me to comment on an extraordinary state of affairs with my two children, aged 13 and 10 respectively.

Throughout his primary State education my 13-year-old son had instruction with one of the school's two BBC computers, and *I consequently decided to obtain* one for home use to expand his interest in this direction. He is now capable of sending telex messages and using the office communications computers when he occasionally comes into work on a Saturday to keep me company.

Once into secondary education, however, he has not been able to expand his knowledge for 3½ years, as "computer studies" are not available until the fourth year and, although he has written his own simple programs at home, he mainly resorts to games, although he is probably faster on the QWERTY keyboard than some of the office juniors at work!

My daughter (10) is now about to leave primary education and, although not so technically interested, has also had frequent lessons with "hands-on" access to the primary school's two terminals and indeed has linked up (by modem) to an educational mainframe — one of the highlights of her experience.

It is a sad state of affairs that this spark of enthusiasm should be forgotten for the first four years of secondary education, and I wonder if the Secretary of State for Education has considered that this lack of continuity in 20th-century instruction is going to be to the detriment of our future whizz kids?

Yours sincerely,
THOMAS GOUGH,
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Clayhall,
Ilford, Essex.
February 2.

Lost to Britain

From Dr John R. Woodwark

Sir, Concern about the "don drain" (letter, article, January 29) omits one factor that may be significant. As a result of recent pressure on universities to become more industrially oriented advertisements for senior appointments, in applied science at least, increasingly ask for candidates with recent industrial experience.

It is not surprising then that offers of good jobs in industry are snapped up by lecturers on the lower-to-middle rungs of the universities' congested career ladder. While working in industry the pay is better (as your correspondents point out, although they ignore the useful consultancy income that many technology dons make).

If, later, the university environment appeals again, then there is an improved chance of getting a senior position. The universities, meanwhile, probably lose most of these lecturers for ever and the others for a significant number of what are likely to be their most productive years.

Yours etc,
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Winchester, Hampshire.
January 29.

Expatriate votes

From Mr Ian D. Scott

Sir, PHS, in *The Times* Diary today (January 26) seeks to denigrate the Liberal Party for being slow off the mark in persuading expatriates to register to enable them to vote in this country during 1987, and says the last date for registration was October, 1986. A recent change in the law does enable extra registrations to be made during the electoral year and I know of no reason why this should not be so for people in this category.

Yours sincerely,
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Association),
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Weymouth, Dorset.

Duke and the SDP

From Dr Barbara Reynolds

Sir, It is delightful to see Ariosto's *Orlando Furioso* mentioned in your second leader today (February 3). Ariosto meant, not that the Duke of Ross (also called Zerbino in the poem) "broke *out* of the mould", which is presumably what Mr Roy Jenkins meant when he said the SDP had broken the mould of British politics, but that the Duke of Ross was unique.

If Mr Jenkins really did intend an analogy between Zerbino and the SDP, the outlook for his party is sad indeed. True, Zerbino acquits himself gallantly in the siege of Paris, but later he is mortally wounded by the King of Tartary and dies, his beloved Isabella bending over him:

"My only grief, dear heart," Zerbino said,
"Is that I leave you helpless and alone.
If you will love me after I am dead,
I'll have no vain regrets when I am gone . . ."

And Isabella replies:

". . . As for our bodies, I at least have hope
That better dead than living they may fare,
And in one sepulchre, with pious care,
May bury them . . ."

On Mr Jenkins's analogy, is this the Liberal Party mourning the demise of the brave SDP?

Yours faithfully,
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Cambridge.
February 3.

ON THIS DAY

FEBRUARY 9 1874

Our Correspondent in St Petersburg was invited to join an excursion by the landlord of his hotel. They sat down to a supper party on the return journey, arriving back "safely and soberly before dawn". A verst is about two-thirds of a mile.

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A RUSSIAN CEMETERY.

(From Our Special Correspondent)
St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.

. . . At half-past 1 the *troikas* were at the door, and we took our seats. Unfortunately the roads were execrable, for sleighs bumped and dragged through slush and ruts and water, instead of travelling smoothly along on the silent snow . . . Bad as was the road, we made progress somehow. "On we went slipping and sliding," by the side of the Moika Canal, past the triumphal arch with its bronze horses and warriors, and along the Peterhof road. The snow had melted away from the grass, and had covered the flat and forlorn landscape with pools of water. Every here and there one passed deserted summer villas, or much-frequented winter restaurants. Perhaps it was owing to the thaw, but despite the villas and cafés, and the people on the road, it seemed but a poor, waste sort of country. The highway was alive enough with rustic and surburban folk taking their sleighs in and out of town, laden with wood or flour, or other commodities. One could tell the Russian and Finnish women from each other by the way in which they wore their head-kerchiefs, those of the former being white and tucked into the shawl or cloak, those of the latter red or checkered, and worn wrapped over the shoulders. It took a long while to accomplish the 20 versts between St. Petersburg and Sergi, but at last we did accomplish them, and our *troikas* set us down at the lodge-gate of the monastery. I must tell you that, though it was a thaw, we were all well muffled up in furs, which are things one never lays by in a Russian winter after once taking them into wear. Even in the height of the summer you will see Russians driving in the Nevsky wrapped in coats with high fur collars rising above the ears. St Sergi. is a mass of heterogeneous but picturesque buildings. That in which the 80 monks live is of brick, and reminds an Englishman of one of the Colleges at Oxford. The church is many-domed and lofty; its roofs are gilded in part, and its interior is very richly decorated. But the great feature of Sergi is the chapels built by noble families for the interment of their dead. These have been erected here and there in the cemetery; they range in size from an entire church to a mere grot, and their decoration is most sumptuous and lavish. In one of the largest there is not an inch of wall or roof that has not been painted by hand, and though this Russian pictorial art in churches will seldom bear minute criticism, the mingled effect of the masses of colour and the marbles, gem-like stones, and even actual gems which are used is exceedingly splendid. Sergi cemetery is a favourite burying-place, and some of the monuments are very costly. In nearly all marble is used, and most have also about them much fine metalwork, pictures of saints under glass, &c. Some are maintained as shrines, where the flame of a little lamp burns from year to year, like a soul waiting for its body. We missed our host and hostess, and it appeared that they had come on an errand of piety as well as of pleasure. The mixture was curious, but altogether sincere. Three children, whom death had taken within the space of a few days, were buried here, and the dinner at the restaurant was preceded by prayers in the churchyard. There are some English monuments in the cemetery, for the Greek monks are not bigoted, and will even send choristers to take part in a Protestant burial service. The chapels of noble families are each in care of a custodian, and we were conducted from one to the other by a slim young monk, who looked terribly thin in his long black gown. His mild blue eyes and the fair hair which fell curling about his shoulders gave him a singularly girlish look. In the chapels we were allowed to enter the sanctuary behind the Royal doors; but the Lieutenant of Infantry (our hostess's brother) who was with us had to lay aside his sword, and we were asked not to stand upon the carpet before the altar. The tombs of the Princes and nobles were nearly always in the chapel crypts, lavishly decorated chambers, with a shrine and a burning lamp by each grave, and with sacred pictures framed in fine metalwork, often jewelled, on the walls. One coffin stood on a low stone bier and was heaped with flowers; others were in graves below, closed by great slabs of white marble, on which lay, perhaps, a single wreath. The tombs of the Oldenburg family have a large glass hothouse built over them, festooned with growing plants . . .

Wrong-footed

From Mr Jeremy Humphries

Sir, Godfrey Golzen (Horizons, February 5) says that interviewers might be thought unreasonable to object to interviewees who sat "with their legs crossed and their ankles resting on their knees".

It seems to me that unless they were interviewing yoga instructors or snake charmers the interviewers would be displaying a quite understandable response.

Yours faithfully,

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February 5.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
February 8: Divine Service was held in Sandringham Parish Church this morning.

The Bishop of Norwich preached the Sermon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 7: The Duke of York, Patron of the 5th Whitbread Round the World Race in 1989, accompanied by the Duchess of York, attended a luncheon at the Whitbead Brewery, Chiswell Street, EC1.

Their Royal Highnesses were received by the Chairman of the Company (Mr Sam Whitbread).

Miss Helen Hughes and Wing Commander Adam Wise were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 7: The Duke of Kent arrived at Heathrow Airport, London this morning from Thailand.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor, will visit Salford University on February 13.

The Duke of Edinburgh will chair the selection committee for the Duke of Edinburgh's Designer's Prize at the Design Council on February 18.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Anthony Vandervell will be held at St George's, Hanover Square, at noon today.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Lewis G. Whyte will be held at St Margaret's, Lothbury, on Tuesday, March 3, 1987 at noon. Lord Peyton of Yeovil will give an address.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.P.H. Chalmers and Miss C.J. Besford

The engagement is announced between Alan, son of the late Mr Clarence Chalmers and of Mrs Peggy Chalmers, of Shoreham, Sussex, and Christine, daughter of Mr and Mrs L.W. Besford, of Pyrford, Surrey.

Mr T.L. Dowie and Miss P.M. Judd

The engagement is announced between Tom Lightbody, younger son of Dr and Mrs A.N. Dowie, of Crieff, Perthshire, and Prudence Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs F.A. Judd, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mr N.S.B. Gill and Miss B.M. Widlake

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Gill, of Enfield, Middlesex, and Bethan, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Hywel Widlake, of Neath, West Glamorgan.

Mr S. Loomba and Miss K. Ashoka

The engagement is announced between Sanjeev, youngest son of the late Dr and Mrs Satya Dev Loomba, of Hampstead, and Karuna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Priyadarshi Ashoka, of West Kensington, London.

Mr G.R. Lyne and Miss J.L. Neary

The engagement is announced between Gregory Ronald, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R.C. Lyne, of Auckland, New Zealand, and Jane Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs P.A. Neary, of Bugbrooke, Northamptonshire.

Professor J. McLeod and Dr R. Kloudova

The marriage of John McLeod, of Saskatoon, Canada, and Rita Kloudova, of Prague, Czechoslovakia, will take place in Prague on Thursday, April 30, 1987.

Mr C.H.S. Miskin and Miss C.A. Cutler

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs G.W.S. Miskin, of Tilford, Surrey, and Carolyn, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs W.M. Cutler, of Lincoln.

Mr A.P. Newman and Miss J.E. Drakeford

The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs B.J. Newman, of Beckenham, Kent, and Janet, youngest daughter of Mr C.P. Drakeford and the late Mrs Drakeford, and stepdaughter of Mrs Eva Drakeford, of Chelmsford, Essex.

Mr A.C.D. Petri and Miss H.E. Stockley

The engagement is announced between Charles, elder son of Mr David Petri, of Heathfield, Sussex, and of Mrs Petri, of Martin, Hampshire, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Stockley, of Midford, near Bath.

Mr R. Trombetta and Miss V. Mabbs

The engagement is announced between Raffaele, son of Mr and Mrs Carlo Trombetta, of Caserta, Italy, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Mabbs, of Mombasa House, Leatherhead, Surrey.

Mr M.J. Wheatley and Miss S.E. Moorhouse

The engagement is announced between Michael John, only son of Mr and Mrs Joe Wheatley, of Beverley, East Yorkshire, and Sally Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Basil Moorhouse, of Bromyard, Herefordshire.

Marriages

Mr R. Gray, QC and Miss L. Towell

The marriage took place quietly in London on Saturday, February 7, of Mr Roger Gray, QC, and Miss Lynne Towell.

Mr A.M. Johnston and Miss T.S. Gourlay

The marriage took place on Saturday, February 7, at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, between Mr Alistair Johnston, son of Mr and Mrs J.A. Johnston, and Miss Tamsin Gourlay, daughter of Mr James Gourlay and Mrs Philip Jevons.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Kerry Gourlay, Miss Georgina Fenwick, Miss Julie Lane, Miss Philippa Jevons, Jasper Jevons, Alexander Jevons and Jack Charrington. Mr Iain Johnston was best man.

A reception was held at Claridge's hotel and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Two years ago you wouldn't have believed that Tony Bagley could ever look after himself.

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Clifford Longley

A certain irony, my Lord

A Protestant clergyman, holding forth on the evils of Rome, once remarked that he could never bring himself to address any living creature as "Your Holiness", whether Pope or not. The self-same clergyman, however, had a publicly notorious dislike of receiving mail addressing him as mere "Mr", as if the absence of "Rev" was to denigrate the sacredness of his status. He was determined to be called reverend, meaning, according the dictionary, one worthy of "respectful awe".

Ecclesiastical titles have become so invisible and meaningless, however, that their retention can only be justified as the respect due to tradition, not status. But in a religion which preaches humility as the highest condition, there is enormous irony in the progression upwards from Reverend to Very Reverend, Right Reverend, and Most Reverend, with Venerables and Eminences as local variations. (It is said of Cardinal Hume that he puzzled for some weeks over what "HE" might mean when he took over Cardinal Heenan's desk and telephone - it meant His Eminence, himself.)

Yet this strange custom has rarely been challenged, never seriously so. The Second Vatican Council mentioned the need for greater simplicity in such titles, but there has been little sign of it since. Rome, the originator of this baroque elegance, still cherishes its language of *Eminentissimo e Reverendissimo Signori Cardinale* and suchlike.

It may be defensible on the basis that it does no harm, and like initials after the name supplies useful information as to profession and seniority. It is the form and context of it which is wrong. To call General Smith Brilliant Strategist General Smith (whether he is or not) would be faintly ludicrous, but at least General Smith is not in the professional business of being modest and humble, and he is undoubtedly in the business of strategy.

To call an archbishop Most Reverend is to nominate him for the state of sanctity he is bound by his calling to deny he deserves. And he is "His Grace" to boot, as bishops are automatically "My Lord". (There are numerous stories of small boys meeting bishops, and thinking they were being introduced to the Lord God.)

It would be more suitable, though no less silly, to reverse the process and insist that the higher the status of the clergyman, the more he would be aware of his status in the sight of God as a worthless sinner: but Worthless Sinner Archbishop Runcie is not a runner. In any event to advertise one's humility is to boast, and the humble do not boast.

This is part of the process called hierarchy, of course, where clergymen like civil servants get bigger and bigger offices and nicer and nicer furniture as they progress up the career ladder. It makes a statement about power and importance.

A pope may claim himself to be the servant of the servants of God, and every modest bishop think of himself in no grander terms, but a common observer, relying on appearances, would be entitled to be baffled. What those appearances speak of is someone with the status of lord, not servant.

Much as the proper shape and structure of the church is discussed, these issues never are. Yet they are not unimportant nor irrelevant to it. The women's ordination movement, for instance, is impaled on the dilemma of choosing whether it wants what it wants on the grounds that women should not be excluded from power and authority; or that power, authority, rank and hierarchy are part of the "patriarchal" model and should be done away with. It is never clear which they mean. When churchmen speak of taking "the option for the poor" they do not mean being stripped of the trappings of grandness themselves, except in some very exceptional cases (none in the United Kingdom).

There is nevertheless a slight drift in the direction of simplicity. It is no longer counted discourteous when a reporter addresses a bishop as "bishop" rather than "My Lord". Not everyone calls the Archbishop of Canterbury "Your Grace" every day. But this is a movement from below: the churchmen concerned seem unconcerned.

There is a principle of unknown origin, that "the Gospel cannot be preached by the strong to the weak, nor by the rich to the poor". The prophets were well aware of the idea. It applies not just to Christianity - a Buddhist would understand what was being said.

It is part of the idea of the realm of religion as being no earthly kingdom, not a system rooted in the values of the world, but a reversal of normal order where the last shall be first. It is not just that a strong, rich or powerful figure preaching the Sermon on the Mount is being a hypocrite, the medium contradicting the message. It is that whatever he says, even if the words he utters and the intentions he has are the right ones, it is not the Gospel but a subtle counterfeit.

The retention of these archaic and obsequious titles by churchmen is a remnant of feudalism and of the retention of some the ideas of feudalism, in particular of strict social ranking in a hierarchy of classes.

Bishops and above belong with the aristocracy, popes with kings, and ordinary priests with knights. The continued use of such titles is in itself a statement that that system was fine, and approved by religious authority, even to the extent of being something important to keep when most of the other details of feudal ranking have lapsed.

And what is so surprising is that churchmen who are prepared to overthrow so many of their own ancient customs and traditions in the name of progress and modernity have held on to such titles for their own use and prestige. It could be read as saying that what they really want is not faith and humility but power and privilege, however much they may sincerely deny it.

Birthdays today

Mr Norman Adams, 60; Mr David Basnett, 63; Mr Brian Bennett, 47; Mr Ryland Davies, 44; Air Commandant B.M. Ducat-Amos, 66; Dr Garret FitzGerald, 61; Mr Douglas Long, 62; Mr Sandy Lyle, 29; Lord Pearce, 86; Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Eric Penn, 71; Professor S.E. Rasmussen, 89; Mr Dean Rusk, 78; Miss Janet Suzman, 48; Lord Williams of Elvel, 54.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Henry Harrison, ninth president of the United States, 1841, Charles City County, Virginia, 1773; Edward Carson, Lord Carson of Duncairn, lawyer and politician - the "uncrowned king of Ulster", Dublin, 1854; Mrs Patrick Campbell, actress, London, 1865; Amy Lowell, poet, Brookline, Massachusetts, 1874; Alban Berg, composer, Vienna, 1885.

DEATHS: Nevil Maskelyne, Astronomer Royal 1765-1811, Greenwich, 1811; Fyodor Dostoyevsky, novelist, Leningrad, 1881; Johan Barthold Jongkind, painter, Côte-Saint-André, 1891; Sir Truby King, pioneer of mothercraft, Wellington, New Zealand, 1938; Norman Douglas, writer, Capri, 1952.

Memorial service

Lord Stockton, OM

The Archbishop of Canterbury pronounced the blessing at a memorial service for Lord Stockton, OM, held on Saturday at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford. The Very Rev E.W. Heaton, Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, and the Rev B.W. Mountford officiated.

Dr A.J.P. Kenny, Master of Balliol College, and Sir Patrick Neill, QC, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University, read the lessons and Lord Blake, Provost of The Queen's College, gave an address.

The Rev Ian Paton was robed and in the sanctuary. The Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire and Lady Martha Ponsonby and Lord Wilberforce, High Steward of Oxford University were among those present.

Appointments

Professor H. Carter, of University College of Wales, to be President of the Institute of British Geographers.

Father Geoffrey Scott, OSB, to be Headmaster of Douai School, in succession to Father Wilfrid Sollom, OSB, who is retiring in July.

Sir Peter Masefield to be Chairman of the Brooklands Museum Trust.

Garden House School

Open Evening at Garden House School will be on March 19. Past pupils and members of staff are welcome. For further information please contact the School Office, 53 Sloane Gardens, SW1W 8ED.

Double vision: Four sets of twins and a flooded stage form part of an inventive new production of Twelfth Night at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, directed by Steven Pimlott. The twins, who appear in flashbacks and other unusual settings, are (from top) Jamie and Chris Burgan, Sally and Alison Stain, Victoria and Samantha Starr and Adele and Janine Jobber.

Parliament this week

Commons

Today (2.30): Debate on Private Member's motion on the disposal of nuclear waste. Social Fund (Maternity and Funeral Expenses) Bill, remaining stages.

Tomorrow (2.30): Debate on an Opposition motion on housing and homelessness.

Wednesday (2.30): Timetable motion the Abolition of Domestic Rates etc (Scotland) Bill. Petroleum Bill, remaining stages.

Thursday (2.30): Debate on Government motion on employment and training initiatives.

Friday (9.30): Private Members' Bills: Crown Proceedings (Armed Forces) Bill and Housing (Houses in Multiple Occupation) Bill, second readings.

Lords

Today (2.30): Teachers' Pay and Conditions Bill, report.

Tomorrow (2.30): Local Government Finance Bill, second reading.

Wednesday (2.30): Infant Life (Preservation) Bill, committee.

Thursday (3): Pilotage Bill, report.

Dentist to be lord mayor

Mr Kevin Gardner, a dentist aged 56, is to be the next Lord Mayor of Westminster. When he takes office in May he will be the first Australian-born person to hold the position and his year will coincide with the 200th anniversary of the settlement of Australia.

His wife, who will be Lady Mayoress, is Baroness Gardner of Parkes, herself a former member of Westminster City Council and the Greater London Council.

Latest wills

Mr Francis George Lanchbury, of Gloucester, left £77,259 net. After personal bequests totalling £2,500 he left the residue to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Mr Lewis Gilmour Whyte, of Somerford Keynes, Gloucestershire, chairman of the London and Manchester Assurance Company, 1961-78, left £151,491 net.

Sir Geoffrey Abdy Collins, of Swanage, Dorset, President of the Law Society 1951-52, left estate valued at £118,474 net.

Middle Temple

The following have been elected Masters of the Bench of the Middle Temple: Mr A.B.R. Hallgarten, QC, Mr G. Rivlin, QC, Mr I. Judge, QC.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

CAPTAINS: J L Weatherall to be promtd Rear Admiral and to be Dy Asst Chief of Staff (Ops). Feb 20. H M White to be promtd Rear Admiral and to be Flag Offr Third Flotilla, April 4: J S Grenfell to MOD (Bath). Feb 20. A O Holding to MOD (London). May 29: G R G Middleton to MOD (London). April 22: A Ryle to Cochrane in Cmd. March 17.

SURGEON CAPTAINS. M J Mann to Staff of FO Gibraltar. July 23.
COMMANDERS: P H Carr for Staff of Fonar. June 23: D R Cust to Trenchant (Bldg) in Cmd. July 28: P Edger to Neptune. Sept 29: A D Fisher to HQ Afnorth. Aug 3: W R Pym to Churchill (SM) in Cmd. Aug 25: J Roberts to Nelson. April 3: R J Rolls to MOD (Porton Down). June 12: B W Semke to MOD (Bath). May 15. P W H Swan to Arethusa in Cmd. Jan 30: P J Walker to Trafalgar (SM) in Cmd. July 7.

CHAPLAINS: A J F Metters to Bristol. Sept 10: J E F Rawlings to Dartmouth. July 28: P Trafford to Intrepid. Aug 20.

RETIREMENTS
REAR ADMIRAL: L E Middleton. March 6
CAPTAINS: D J Davidge. Feb 21: C Grant. March 29.
COMMANDERS: L A Rowntree. April 1: J A Shepley. April 5: C B Webb. April 2: J P W Ward. March 29.

The Army

MAJOR-GENERAL: T D G Quayle to be Comd Arty 1 (BR) Corps. Feb 14.
BRIGADIER: A S B Dickson to be Comd HQ AMS TA. Feb 27.
COLONELS: J W W Dean to HQ 4 Armd Div. Feb 9: P V Panton to HQ NW DIST. Feb 9: J R Smales to HQ DRAC. Feb 2: R C Walker to Staff Coll. Feb 2: D E Bradford to be CO BMH Hanover. Jan 26: D S Jolliffee to be Comd Med HQBF Hong Kong. Jan 27: P Macmohon to be Comd Med Cyprus. Feb 5: R K Banerjee to be CO DKMH Catterick. Feb 21.
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: S G Adlington, Green Howards, to HQ BAOR. Feb 9. H S Cates. 2 GR to MOD. Feb 12: C K Geddie. RAOC to RAOC Trg Cen. Feb 9: M G Hodges. RA to HQ SEDIST. Feb 9: B A McCandlish. RE to be CO 2 PC Regt. Feb 9: A G Patrick. RAOC to be Comd Sup Cyprus. Feb 9: M G Ramsey RMP to HQ RMP UKLF. Feb 9: R H Mc F Taylor. RCT to RCT M&RO. Feb 9. F S Morrison to be Comd Med NEDIST. Feb 9: R A Leitch to be CO 16 Field Ambulance. Feb 16: H K Old to be Comd Med EDIST. Feb 16: F E A Davis, to be Dep Comd HQ AMS TA. Feb 25: P Pain to be SO1 EMR 2 MOD. Feb 25.

Royal Air Force

AIR COMMODORE: A C Impey to be dep Gen Mgr. Nato MRCA Development Production Agency on Feb 16. in succession to Air Cdre T E Benson.
GROUP CAPTAINS: K Chapman to Shape. Feb 13: R C R Johnston to OC. 1RS Locking. Feb 2.
WING COMMANDER: M T Phillips to RAF Wyton. Feb 13: T J Sueddon to RN Staff Coll. Feb 13: D Pollington to RAF Wildenrath. Feb 13: V D King to HQ 1 Gp. Feb 9: P D M John to Staff Coll. Bracknell. Feb 9: A D Waddell to RAF Brize Norton. Feb 16: R A J Pearson to 7 MU. Quedgeley. Feb 16.

Sale room

$176,000 paid for Dent pocket watch

By Huon Mallalieu

Sotheby's New York sale of watches and scientific instruments on Saturday made a total of $1,633,390 or £1,033,791, with 11 per cent bought in.

The outstanding lot was a gold pocket watch, or more formally: "a gold openface tourbillon minute-repeating split second chronograph with perpetual calendar and regulator" made by Dent, of London, "watchmaker to her late majesty in 1901". This instrument sold to an American private bidder for $176,000 or £111,392 (estimate $100-120,000).

A similarly elaborate watch made by Poitevan, of Paris, in 1894, apparently for the South American market, went to a dealer at $74,800 or £47,342 (estimate $8-10,000).

The most expensive wrist watch looked simple enough, but it, too, was no common timepiece. It was an ultra-thin platinum tonneau minute-repeating dress wrist watch made by Audemars Piguet, of Geneva, in 1909. This went to an American buyer at $69,600 or £44,051 (estimate $55-65,000).

No doubt provenance was the spur which prompted an American collector to pay $28,600 or £19,066 for an Aubusson carpet which Christie's had estimated at between $6,000 and $9,000 in New York, also on Saturday. It was a twentieth century example woven in older floral and latticework patterns but it belonged to the redoubtable Mrs Clare Booth Luce.

The sale was a mixed one including English and European furniture, objects of art, paintings and porcelain and was no doubt a joy to the interior decorators. It produced a total of $1,175,102 or £783,481 with five percent bought in.

Three lots each made $24,200 or £16,133, the first going to a dealer from Europe, the second to a European private bidder and the third to a New York dealer. Each would have appealed to a different taste.

A pair of Italian rococo walnut corner cupboards with writing slopes (estimate $8,000 - 12,000) was restrained compared to the pair of *chenets*, or firedogs, in ormolu and bronze modelled with Turkish and Negro slaves. These were also Italian, and they dated from the first quarter of the eighteenth century (estimate $20,000-30,000).

The third lot to make this price was a French ormolu-mounted black lacquer and ebony cabinet by Fichet, of Paris, in the Louis XVI style but dating from around 1830 (estimate $10,000-15,000).

OBITUARY

SIR CECIL STAFFORD-KING-HARMAN, BT

Raising the rewards of the Turf

Sir Cecil Stafford-King-Harman, Bt, who died on February 5, at the age of 92, was the oldest and longest serving member of the Irish Turf Club.

But he has his niche in racing history for his part in the raising of prize money for classic races to the kind of levels to which we are accustomed today.

He was born Cecil William Francis Stafford on January 6, 1895, the son of Sir Thomas Stafford, Bt, and Frances Agnes King-Harman. He assumed the additional surname in 1932.

He first went into the Royal Navy, passing through Osborne and Dartmouth. But he retired as a midshipman in 1912. The outbreak of war in 1914 brought him back to the colours, however, this time in the army.

After passing through Sandhurst he was commissioned in the King's Royal Rifle Corps. He saw service in France and Italy and was mentioned in dispatches.

Afterwards he went to Christ Church, Oxford, where he took a degree in agriculture.

In Irish racing he will be best remembered, not so much as an owner-breeder, though he had his share of success there, but rather as a Turf legislator.

He was elected a member of the Irish Turf Club in 1931 and served five terms as a Senior Steward between 1940 and 1962.

In the latter year he presided over the first running of the Irish Sweeps Derby, being chairman of the coordinating committee.

The Irish Derby had, in that year, become the first recognised classic race to be commercially sponsored, and with a prize fund of more than £50,000 it was the richest Derby that had ever been run anywhere in the world.

It sparked off an escalation in prize money offered for the major classic races, and in that sense at least was particularly influential of the shape of the international racing scene.

Nine years earlier Stafford-King-Harman had been one of the principal participants in a much more controversial renewal of the Irish Derby. Along with Major Dermot McCalmont and Judge Wylie he had served on the panel that disqualified the English challenger Premonition and awarded the race to the Vincent O'Brien-trained Chamier.

After the result Major McCalmont turned to him and said: "The last time there was a successful objection in a classic was in England, and all the stewards who sat on it were dead within the year."

In this instance however the trio all survived to a ripe old age.

In 1956 Stafford-King-Harman was appointed a member of the Council of State for Ireland.

His wife, Sarah, whom he married in 1917, died in 1979. He is survived by their daughter.

MR PATRICK WADDINGTON

Patrick Waddington, who died on February 4, at the age of 85, was a versatile actor whose work for the stage, films, radio and television encompassed light comedy, Shakespeare, cabaret and - thanks to his fine voice - operetta.

He was born in York on August 19, 1901. Taken by his father to see Sarah Bernhardt at the age of five, he was embraced by the legendary actress backstage after the show, an experience which drew him irresistably towards a career in the theatre.

He was educated at Gresham's School, Holt, and St John's College, Oxford. While a member of the Oxford University Dramatic Society, of which he was secretary in 1923-24, he toured Scandinavia as a member of the cast of John Galsworthy's *Loyalties*, directed by the author.

His first professional appearance was at the Birmingham Repertory Theatre, where he played Valentine in *Two Gentlemen of Verona*, in 1924. He had his first singing role at the same theatre, as Don Antonio in *The Duenna*.

His accomplished playing, combined with his light baritone voice, ensured that he never lacked for parts in the years that followed. But, as Gielgud warned him might happen, this versatility - and the financial rewards it brought - tended to militate against his honing the actor's craft with the kind of dedication necessary to achieve classic status.

Though his 1935 Prince Hal prompted a number of critics to hail a major talent, he was, on the whole, noted for his technique and handsome stage presence rather than star quality.

During the 1930s he was busy on the stage in both London and New York, and also made some films.

The war interrupted his career, but he discovered administrative abilities in the RAF where he had the job of training officer recruits. On one occasion he defused a near-mutiny among demoralised Australian pilot officers by clever use of his histrionic skills.

After the war he put these talents to work as administrator of the Actors' Orphanage, which Noël Coward, its president, asked him to rescue from neglect.

He also continued busy on stage, in roles ranging from George Osborne in *Vanity Fair*, to Sir John Mannering in *Said the Spider...!*, and in films, notably, *The Wooden Horse*.

In 1959 he went to America where he remained for several years. But, though he toured the USA and Canada as the Earl of Leicester in *Mary Stuart*, and had several roles on Broadway, he did not have the success he had hoped for, and came back to this country in 1964.

Here he played the Colonel in a 1,000-performance tour of *My Fair Lady*, but by and large, the big parts were no longer there for him. A motorcycle accident left him prone to depression, and his career never really regained its impetus.

Nevertheless he is remembered by those who worked with him as a professional to his fingertips, achieving his effects with skill, reliability and the minimum of fuss. He was also a humane and courteous man.

He was unmarried.

SIGNOR CLAUDIO VILLA

Claudio Villa, the Italian popular vocalist, died in Padua on February 7. He was 61 and had been suffering with heart trouble for some time.

Villa, known to his countrymen as the "little king" of song, had delighted Italian audiences for forty years with his romantic ballads.

He was born Claudio Pica on New Year's Day, 1926, in the Trastevere district of Rome.

Success came relatively early. In 1941 he attracted notice with the song "Villa triste", and in 1945 he triumphed over 2,000 entrants in a singing contest in Rome.

This was an important fillip to his career, and he went on to carry off the top prize at the San Remo festival - Italy's premier forum for this type of music - in 1955, 1957, 1962 and 1966.

In 1948 he had become a radio star with the hit song, "Serenata celeste", and the medium made him popular in Europe and the United States, too.

Despite changing musical tastes and the impact of Rock 'n Roll his strong lyrical style continued to sell records in the 1960s and 1970s.

Several years ago he came to prominence of another kind for his forthright description of his initiation into the P2 masonic lodge.

He leaves his widow, Patrizia, and their son.

Nature notes

A laughing spring call

More birds are beginning to sing. Great tits are singing noisily, a repeated two-syllable note like a squeaky pump: the males use this call to warn other great tits off their territory, but after a bout of song they often join up with a flock again to feed. The flocks will not finally disband until the end of the month. Skylarks are singing over the fields: they too will often re-join a flock to feed on the spring corn, as farmers start to sow.

Green woodpeckers are making their laughing spring call: they cling to a tree-trunk near their future nest hole and throw their heads back. Though they are woodland birds, they come down to the ground to feed on ants, especially in old pastures.

Under the bark of dead trees there are many centipedes and woodlice. If the bark is torn off, the centipedes try to escape by twisting and turning as they fall; the woodlice drop to earth and roll up into a shiny grey ball. Snowdrops are in flower; in leaf mould under hedges, the arrow-shaped green leaves, blotched with purple, of the cuckoo-pint are beginning to come through.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

I am he that liveth and was dead: and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen: and have the keys of death and hell
Revelation 1 18

BIRTHS

BUDGE On January 26th, to Rosemary (née Chubb) and Duncan, a son, Alexander William.

DAMAZER On February 3rd, at Gleneagles, Singapore to Elizabeth (née Phoenix) and Benjamyn, a daughter, Alexandra Caroline Hartley

JOHNS - On February 2nd, to Rosanne (née Slayter) and Peter, a son, Jack William Peter

JONES - On 4th February 1987, to Eleanor (née Harre) and Robert, a son Henry Robert Anselm, a brother for Edward

JORDAN - On February 4th 1987, at St. Thomas' Hospital, to Clare (née Gore Langton) and Peter, twin sons, Henry and Oliver

McBRIDE on February the 5th at Bath to Eve (née Bramwell) and Kevin, a son John

ROWLEY WILLIAMS - On January 21st, to Anne (née Maydew) and Peter, a son

THOMPSON On January 30th, to Thérèse and Peter, a daughter, Sophia Frances, a sister for Melanie and Adrian

TOYE - On February 5th, at Solihull Hospital, to Joanna (née Skinner) and Francis, a daughter, Olivia.

DEATHS

AISHER On February 4th 1987, in Mallorca, after a short illness, Peter, most dearly loved by his wife Wiltrud, his children Johnny, Peter and Patrick, and all the family. Memorial services at Puerto Pollensa, Mallorca on February 10th and later at St. John Baptist Church, Penshurst, Kent. Family cremation in Barcelona. 'Never look back'

BURKE - On February 5th 1987, in a Dublin Hospital, Michael (Dublin and New York). Will be sadly missed by Timmy, his daughters Patricia, Doreen and Michele and his son Peter, his sister Janet (Griffin), family, relatives and friends. May he rest in peace. Funeral will take place in Connecticut. Memorial service will take place in Dublin at a later date which will be announced.

CARLYON On February 6th 1987, Olga Gillian Gwavas Carlyon, of Tregrehan, Par, Cornwall, peacefully at home. By her direction no funeral. Cremation private on Tuesday February 10th. Flowers to Tregrehan "O quam te memorem"

COVENTRY On February 5th 1987, Sara Mary, beloved daughter of the late Captain A B Coventry OBE, DSC, RN, and Mrs Coventry. Funeral Service at Burrswood, Groombridge, on Friday 13th February at 3pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Burrswood.

CRAIG - On February 5th 1987, peacefully at the Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice, Farnham, Barbara Margaret. Private cremation at her request, and family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Phyllis Tuckwell Memorial Hospice

DUDDINGTON On February 3rd, peacefully after a prolonged illness, Alison (née Findlow). Interment of ashes at The Lawn Cemetery, Chorleywood on 13th February at 2.30pm

FALLOWS On February 4th, in Middlesex Hospital after an illness, Roger dearly loved son of Nora and Leonard of Abergele, North Wales and brother of Peter. Service at South London Crematorium, Rowan Rd, SW16 on Wednesday 11th February at 1.30pm. Flowers maybe sent to W Garstin, 10 Chiltern Street, W1 or donations to Cancer Relief or Musicians Benevolent Fund

GREENWELL - On 6th February 1987, Phillip (Pip), aged 61 very peacefully at home, after a years fight against cancer. Greatly loved by Amanda, Tim, Robert, Joanna, Simon, the late Valentine and all his family and friends. Funeral on Friday 13th February, 11.00am at Aldringham, Parish Church, Suffolk. All his friends are welcome. Family flowers only donations in lieu to either Aldeburgh Cottage Hospital, or King Edward the VII Hospital, London, all enquiries to Ashton's phone 01 946 1051

HEATH On February 6th, 1987, peacefully in hospital, Wendda, widow of Major General Bill Heath, and stepmother of Valerie and Priscilla. Funeral at Swindon Crematorium at 1.30 pm on Thursday 12th February 1987. No flowers at her request

IRWIN - On February 5th in Preston Hospital, North Shields, after a short illness, Charles Henry, piano tuner, aged 96, late of Pearey House. Funeral at Tynemouth Crematorium on Tuesday 10th February at 3.00pm.

KELLETT On February 5th 1987 peacefully in her 96th year at the home of her niece, Patricia Egan, 11 Farnley Road, South Norwood, SE25. Elizabeth Beatrice formerly of Westcliffe on Sea, a much loved Aunt, Great Aunt and Great Great Aunt. Funeral Service Thursday February 12th at Selhurst Evangelical Church, Princes Road at 11.30am.

LEIGH-BREESE - On February 6th 1987, Mary (née West), aged 84 years, widow of Breesy and much loved mother of Jane, Elizabeth and the late John. Funeral at Chichester Crematorium on Tuesday 10th February at 1.30 pm. No flowers please, donations if desired to the Friends of St Richard's Hospital, Chichester.

MORGAN - On February 4th 1987, suddenly at Tenerife, Alfred Thomas (Peter) Morgan, Lt. Comdr R.N. (retd) D.S.C., of 14 Portland St, Bristol. Funeral arrangements later. No letters please. Enquires, R. Davies & Son, 381 Gloucester Rd, Bristol 0272 424039.

SALAMAN - On February 6th 1987 peacefully in hospital, Marjorie Gwendoline, of The Old Rectory, Bathealton, near Taunton, widow of Oliver. Funeral service to take place at Taunton Deane Crematorium 2pm Friday 13th February. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for Cancer Research may be sent c/o Glenhaven Funeral Service, North Street, Wiveliscombe, Somerset.

SANDERSON - On February 4th 1987, Eric, beloved husband of Monica and devoted daddy of Erica-Jayne, Julian and Alexandra. Dear father-in-law of Geoff and David. Dearest pop of Hayden and Sarah, future daughter-in-law Lucinda. (Funeral private). Memorial Service will be held on February 19th 1987, at St James Church, Birkdale at 12.30pm.

SHARVILL - On January 25th, Harriet Sarah, aged 10 days. Much loved daughter of Alison and John, sister of Rory.

STAFFORD KING-HARMAN - On February 5th 1987 Sir Cecil Stafford King-Harman Baronet, aged 92. Dearly loved father of Joan Dennehy, beloved grandfather and greatgrandfather. Funeral at St Mary's Church, Leixlip at 11am on Tuesday February 10th. No flowers please. Memorial service at St John's, Sandymount, Dublin at 11.30am on Saturday 14th February.

SULLIVAN - On February 4th 1987, Denis Joseph Sullivan, after a lifetime career with George Wimpey PLC. A mass is to be held, at 12.15pm, on Monday 9th February in St Augustine's Catholic Church, Fulham Palace road, Hammersmith. All friends and collegues are welcome. The funeral is to be held in Caheragh, County Cork, on 11th of February. Family flowers only, but donations to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

THOMAS On February 3rd 1987, tragically, David Charles Morgan, aged 44, loving father of Rupert and Camilla. A loved son and brother. Funeral service at Southwick Church at 11.am on Thursday February 12th 1987. Enquiries to Robertson, 0656 610343.

WAGSTAFF - On January 14th 1987, in New York City, Samuel Jones Junior, aged 65, brother of Judith Jefferson. Sadly missed by James Nelson and all who knew him. Memorial service to be held at The Metropolitan, New York City, on February 14th 1987. In his time he had distinguished himself as a curator, particularly at Detroit Institute of Arts.

WAKEFORD On 6th February suddenly at his home, 28 Lady Margaret Drive, Troon. Captain George Whalley Wakeford, OBE, Master Mariner, aged 82, beloved husband of Janet and dear brother of Bessie and Margaret. Funeral private, no flowers please. If desired, donations to The University of Southampton for the Wakeford Lecture fund. Memorial service to be arranged

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Science report

Magnetic signal to beat wine cheats

By Beatrice Lacoste

The days are numbered for dishonest wine growers and vinters who dilute their wines, or fraudulent merchants who spike the drink with anti-freeze or methanol.

A technology that has already changed the face of analytical chemistry and diagnostic medicine is now being used to detect fake wines.

The method depends on nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR), whereby a tiny magnetic signal from chemical molecules can be used to identify complex compounds in the laboratory. When used as a body scanner, it can detect malignant tumours and locate microscopic abnormalities in the brain and other tissue.

Scientists at the University of Nantes, in France, adapted the NMR technology to control the quality of wines. It is to be used by the EEC and the 34 member countries of the International Wine Bureau.

The procedure goes beyond the detection of unscrupulous wine dealers who use dangerous additives, such as the anti-freeze glycol as a sweetener in the Austrian scandal, or methanol to increase the alcoholic content of wine as was done in Italy.

The EEC legislation sets strict rules about additives and the volume and proportion of alcohol in each bottle of wine. In some cases the distillers are permitted to add water to dissolve solid additives or sugar to increase the sweetness or alcohol content for certain wines, such as Muscadet.

However, wine dealers can cheat by adding sugar to increase alcohol content and value; according to EEC legislation the price of wine is determined by the degree of alcohol per hectolitre. In some cases dishonest distillers simply add water to increase the volume of wine.

Magnetic resonance measurements can show changes in water content because the analysis focuses on the magnetic characteristic of hydrogen atoms in water molecules.

To make measurements, a sample of wine placed in a container surrounded by electromagnets that create a magnetic field as much as 60,000 times as strong as that of the Earth. Under these conditions the nuclei of hydrogen atoms, which consist of protons that normally point in random directions, align themselves in the same direction.

In the process they emit a faint radio signal that is a unique characteristic of the molecules. A computer analyses these faint signals. In nature there are two main kinds of hydrogen, light hydrogen and heavy hydrogen or deuterium.

The physical properties of deuterium are slightly different from those of hydrogen: the amount of deuterium compared to hydrogen reveals the geographical and botanical origins of the plant that was fermented as well as the alcohol content. "We get a signature of the plant originally used", explained Gerard Jean Martin, who pioneered this technique. If a beet sugar has been added the scanner immediately detects the fraud.

NMR scanners will make it possible to know if whisky is pure malt, if vodka is made from fermenting grains or potatoes, if gin is made from pure corn and real juniper added.

Other applications include the identification of aromas and fragrances. For instance, no other method makes it possible to tell real vanilla from its synthetic equivalent. In a few months EEC countries will be equipped with scanners and a data banks recording signatures from specific regions, grape vines and vintages.

The new technology should certainly improve the quality of wine, and in the wine growing countries of France, Italy and Germany save taxpayers hundreds of millions of francs, lira and marks.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

MARSHALL - Lilian and the family of the late Dr. David Marshall wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone for the many kind messages of sympathy.

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DATED THIS 30TH DAY OF JANUARY 1987

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IN THE MATTER of ANTONE SYSTEMS LIMITED

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Dated this 27th day of January 1987

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☆ **DAVE ALLEN LIVE:** Last week to catch this relaxed look at life. **Albery Theatre**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-836 3878, cc 01-379 6565/6433). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon to Sat 8-10.35pm. £5.50-£13.50. Until Feb 14.

☆ **GHOSTS:** Vanessa Redgrave in peak form in Ibsen's unnerving masterpiece. Until Feb 14. **Wyndhams Theatre**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (01-836 3028, cc 01-379 6565). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon to Sat 7.30-10.30pm, matinée Sat 3-6.30pm, £4.50-£13.50.

☆ **HOLIDAY:** Lindsay Anderson's fine production of creaking old Broadway play about the sufferings of the super-rich. Stars Mary Steenburgen and Malcolm McDowell. **Old Vic Theatre**, Waterloo Road, SE1 (01-928 7616, cc 01-261 1821). Tube: Waterloo. Mon to Fri 7.30-10.15pm, Sat 7.45-10.30pm, matinée Wed 2.30-5.15pm, Sat 4-6.45pm, £3-£12.50.

☆ **THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA:** Glenda Jackson and Joan Plowright in Lorca's grim drama of female sexual frustration. A soft centre weakens the impact. **Globe Theatre**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667, cc 01-741 9999). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon to Fri 8-10.10pm, Sat 8.30-10.40pm, matinée Sat 5-7.10pm, £6-£14.50.

★ **LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES:** Blood-chilling account of the destruction of innocence under the ancien régime. Tickets like gold dust. **Ambassadors Theatre**, West Street, WC2 (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon to Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, matinée Wed 3-6pm, Sat 4-7pm, £5-£17.50.

☆ **LILLIAN:** How Lillian Hellman played her part in Hitler's downfall and promoted her image. Starring Frances de la Tour. **Fortune Theatre**, Russell Street, London WC2 (01-836 2238). Tube: Covent Garden. Tue-Sat 8-10pm, matinee Sat and Sun 3-5pm, £6-£12, until March 14.

☆ **THE MAINTENANCE MAN:** John Alderton plays a dim husband worried by his women. Until Feb 14. **Comedy Theatre**, Panton Street, SW1 (01-930 2578, cc 01-240 7200). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon to Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 8.30-10.30pm, matinee Fri and Sat 5.30-7.30pm, £4-£12.50.

☆ **THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR:** Shakespeare updated to the 1950s with spivs and teds. Short on magic but full of apt visual jokes. Great fun. **Barbican Theatre**, Barbican, EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 9891). Tube: Barbican. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.45pm, matinee Sat and Thurs 2-5.15pm, £5-£12.50.

★ **THE PIED PIPER:** Last performances of this rollicking children's show: pop Browning and the rocking rodents. **National Theatre (Olivier)**, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Thurs and Fri 10.30-12.20pm and 2-3.50pm. £3-£6. Until Feb 17.

★ **ROAD:** A welcome return for the scorchingly brilliant account of life and sex in dead-end Britain. **Royal Court Theatre**, Sloane Square, SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon to Sat 8-10.20pm, matinee Thurs and Sat 4-6.20pm, £3-£12.

☆ **SIEGFRIED SASSOON:** Peter Barkworth uses the poet's own words to tell his story; a limited viewpoint but still effective. **Apollo Theatre**, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 2663/01-434 3598). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Tue to Sat 8-10pm, matinée Wed 3-5pm, Sat 5-7pm, Sun 4.30-6.30pm. £4-£11.50.

★ **TWELFTH NIGHT:** A radiant, richly inventive production by the touring Cheek by Jowl company. Shakespeare with joy. **Donmar Warehouse**, 41 Earlham Street, WC2 (01-240 8230, cc 01-379 6565/6433). Tube: Covent Garden. Mon to Sat 7.30-9.40pm, matinee Thurs 2.30-4.40pm, Sat 3-5.10pm, £5-£8. Until Feb 14.

★ **A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE:** The Arthur Miller season continues with this 1950s drama of unacknowledged desire. Stars Michael Gambon. **National Theatre (Cottesloe)**, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Previews Mon-Wed 7.30-10pm, Matinée Sat 2.30-5pm, £6-£16. Sold out until March 14.

☆ **WHEN I WAS A GIRL I USED TO SCREAM AND SHOUT:** Geraldine James and Julie Walters as two adolescent girls eagerly entering the remarkable world of Scottish sex. Generally successful transfer from the Bush. **Whitehall Theatre**, Whitehall, SW1 (01-930 7765, cc 01-379 6565). Tube: Charing Cross/Embankment. Mon to Thurs 8-10.10pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-10.55pm, matinee Fri and Sat 6.30-8.10pm, £7.50-£13.50. Until April 21.

☆ **WOMAN IN MIND:** Poignant Ayckbourn drama with award-winning Julia McKenzie as a wife at her wits' end. **Vaudeville Theatre**, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9987, cc 01-240 7200). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon to Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinée Wed 2.30-4.45pm, Sat 5-7.15pm, £5-£12.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036) . . . ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) . . . ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . ☆ **Les Miserables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 6433) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ☆ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . . ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) . . . ☆ **Stepping Out:** Duke of Yorks Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) . . . ☆ **Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-580 8845, cc 01-836 2428).

OUT OF TOWN

BRISTOL: ☆ **Fifth of July:** Vietnam veteran coming to terms with the past among eccentric Missouri folk; British premiere of Broadway success. **Old Vic Theatre Royal**, King Street (0272 24388). Mon to Wed 7.15-9.45pm, Thurs to Sat 7.45-10.15pm, matinee Thurs 3-5.30pm, Sat 4-6.30pm, £1-£7.50, until Feb 21.

DERBY: ☆ **A Day Out:** Willy Russell's calamity-packed school outing show. **Playhouse Theatre**, Theatre Walk, Eagle Centre (0332 363275). Mon-Thurs 7.30-9.30pm. Fri and Sat 8-10pm, £3-£5. Until March 7.

GREENWICH: ☆ **The Viewing:** Graeme Garden as unearthly visitor bringing surprised bomb-maker to account. Odd play by David Pownall, strongly acted. **Greenwich Theatre**, Crooms Hill, London SE10 (01-858 7755). Mon-Sat 7.45-9.50pm, matinee Sat 2.30-4.35pm, £3-£7.50, until March 14.

HAYES: ☆ **Not About Heroes:** Stephen McDonald's resonant account of the meeting of the First War poets, Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen. **Beck Theatre**, Grange Road, Hayes, Middx (01-561 7506). Mon to Sat 8-10.30pm, matinee Wed 2-4.30pm, Sat 2.30-5pm. £4.50-£5.75. Until Feb 14.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **A Wholly Healthy Glasgow:** Funny and very outspoken power struggle in a Glasgow Heath Club. Until Feb 14. **Royal Exchange Theatre**, Cross Street (061 833 9833). Mon to Thurs 7.30-9.45pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.15pm, matinee Wed 2.30-4.45pm, Sat 4-6.15pm, £2.50-£8.50.

SOUTHAMPTON: ★ **A Piece of my Mind:** George Cole and Anna Carteret in Peter Nichols's new play covering 20 years of a writer's life. **Nuffield Theatre**, University Road (0703 555028). Mon to Thurs 7.30-10pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.30pm, matinée Sat 4-6.30pm, £3.70-£5.70, until Feb 14.

SUNDERLAND: ☆ **Shakespeare's Henrys:** Michael Pennington as Prince Hal and Henry V in Michael Bogdanov's trilogy for the New English Shakespeare Company. **Empire Theatre**, High Street West (0783 42517). *Henry IV Part One* today and Thurs 7.30-10.30pm and Sat 11.00am-2.00pm, *Henry IV Part Two* Tue and Fri 7.30-10.30pm and Sat 4-7pm, Henry V Wed 2.30-5.30pm and 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, £2.50-£6.50.

WATFORD: ☆ **Madame Bovary:** Flaubert becomes romantic melodrama in a clever version by Edna O'Brien. Exciting scenes and passionate playing by Helen Mirren. **Palace Theatre**, Clarendon Road (0923 25671). Mon to Thurs 7.45-10pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.15pm, £2.25-£7.50.

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top ten television programmes in the week ending February 1

BBC 1
1 Eastenders (Thurs/Sun) 24.10m
2 Eastenders (Tues/Sun) 24.00m
3 Bergerac 15.35m
4 Paul Daniels Magic Show 13.95m
5 Antiques Roadshow 13.65m
6 Crimewatch Uk 13.55m
7 Bob's Full House 13.30m
8 Three Up, Two Down 13.15m
9 Last of the Summer Wine 12.60m
10 Miss Marple: At Bertram's Hotel 12.50m

ITV
1 Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 17.35m
2 Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 16.85m
3 Wish You Were Here (Mon/Fri) Thames 15.65m
4 Goldfinger ITV 13.95m
5 This Is Your Life Thames 13.85m
6 Surprise, Surprise LWT 12.65m
7 The Equalizer ITV 12.55m
8 Crossroads (Wed) Central 12.50m
9 The A-team ITV 12.35m
10 Never the Twain Thames 12.15m
10 Dempsey and Makepeace LWT 12.15m

BBC2
1 East of Ipswich 5.55m
2 Moonlighting 4.95m
3 Indelible Evidence 4.95m
4 In Name Only 4.55m
5 Gardeners' World 4.25m
6 M A S H 4.00m
7 International Snooker (Sat 16:40) 4.00m
8 International Snooker (Fri 18:31) 3.90m
9 International Snooker (Wed 16:30) 3.80m
10 International Snooker (Mon 18:31) 3.65m
10 Charlie Chan in Rio 3.65m

Channel 4
1 Brookside (Tues/Sat) 6.60m
2 Brookside (Mon/Sat) 6.05m
3 Cheers 3.80m
4 Reflections 3.20m
5 The Waltons 3.05m
6 Hill Street Blues 3.00m
7 A Fortunate Life 3.00m
8 Obsessed With A Married Woman 2.90m
9 Worzel Gummidge 2.90m
10 Chateauvallon - Fortune and Power 2.85

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: *Breakfast Time:* Mon to Fri 1.3m (6.1m)
TV-am: *Good Morning Britain* Mon to Fri 2.6m (10.8m) Sat 3.2m (7.4m) Sun 2.4m

Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

David Suchet (right) in the revival of John Hopkins's psychological drama, *This Story of Yours*; Michael Bryant (top left), who created the part at the Royal Court in 1968, and Sean Connery in the 1972 film version, *The Offence*. The new production comes at a time when malfunctioning cops and nasty rapes are back in the news. In his early scripts for *Z-Cars* Hopkins ventured to suggest that policemen sometimes actually lose their tempers and his serial *Talking to a Stranger* told a single story from four points of view, repeating scenes and using narrative jumps to screw up the tension. In *This Story of Yours* he employs another trick, putting the first things last, so that the play revolves around the odd behaviour of Det Sgt Johnson after he has beaten a man to death in the cells. Only at the end are we flashed back to the past to find out why. Hampstead Theatre, Swiss Cottage, NW3 (01-722-9301). Previews Mon, Tues 8.00-10.40pm. Opens Wed 7-9.40pm, then 8-10.40pm. Sat matinee 3-5.40pm. Previews £5.50, then Mon-Sat matinee £6, Sat evening £7. *Jeremy Kingston*

FILMS

■ Also on national release
☎ Advance booking possible

BOY SOLDIER (15): A soldier is charged with murder following an incident in Northern Ireland. An earnest drama from the director of *Giro City*, Karl Francis (100 min).
☎ **Cannon Tottenham Court Road** (01-636 6148). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.20.
☎ **Metro** (01-437 0757). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.

■ **CROCODILE DUNDEE (15):** Australia's smash hit, with TV comic Paul Hogan as a crocodile hunter bemused by New York's urban jungle. Broad and loud, but friendly (98 min).
☎ **Cannon Chelsea** (01-352 5096). Progs 2.20, 6.05, 8.55.
☎ **Cannon Royal** (01-930 6915). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.30.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 3.00, 5.20, 8.30.
☎ **Odeon Marble Arch** (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 5.55, 8.15.
☎ **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01-586 3057). Progs 2.40, 5.30, 8.25.
☎ **Plaza Lower Regent Street** (01-437 1234). Progs 12.30, 2.30, 4.45, 7.00, 9.15.

■ **DOWN BY LAW (15):** Jim Jarmusch's wry, off-beat comedy about three misfits who escape from a New Orleans prison. Immaculate scene-stealing by Italian Roberto Benigni (106 min).
☎ **Gate Notting Hill** (01-727 4043). Progs 4.00, 6.00, 8.00, 10.00.
☎ **Screen on the Hill** (01-435 3366). Progs 2.20, 4.25, 6.45, 8.55.

ESCALIER C (15): A cynical, misanthropic art critic gets his comeuppance. Based on a prizewinning novel by Elvire Murail; directed, uncertainly, by Jean-Charles Tacchella (101 min).
☎ **Cannon Baker Street** (01-935 9772). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.
☎ **Cannon Premiere** (01-439 4470). Progs 2.25, 4.30, 6.35, 8.40.

■ **THE GOLDEN CHILD (PG):** Eddie Murphy as a social worker recruited to rescue a kidnapped, magical child. A bizarre mixture of sentimentality, special effects and Hong Kong hooey (94 min).
☎ **Cannon Bayswater** (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.
☎ **Cannon Edgware Road** (01-723 5901). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.40.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.45.
☎ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45, 11.15.

A JUDGEMENT IN STONE (15): Ruth Rendell's novel about a plain Jane illiterate who becomes a killer, carelessly filmed in Canada by Ousama Rawi. With Rita Tushingham (93 min).
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193) Progs 3.10, 5.10, 8.40.

JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS (15): Well-behaved tearjerker with Mary Tyler Moore as the woman forced from her domestic shell by her husband's infidelity. With Ted Danson, written and directed by Allan Burns (111 min).
☎ **Cannon Oxford Street** (01-636 0310) Progs 1.45, 3.55, 6.10, 8.25.
☎ **Cannon Panton Street** (01-930 0631) Progs 2.25, 5.00, 7.30, 10.10.

THE KEEP (18): Cock-eyed World War II fantasy in which German troops wake up a supernatural being in a Romanian fortress. Directed by Michael Mann (95 min).
☎ **ICA Cinematheque**, The Mall, SW1 (01-930 3647) Progs 6.30, 8.30.

■ **THE MISSION (PG):** Jesuits and colonialists struggle for power in 18th century South America. With Robert De Niro, Jeremy Irons; Roland Joffe directs with a fine eye for spectacle and a blind eye for the script's deficiencies (125 min).
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.10.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 12.10, 2.55, 5.40, 8.25.

■ **MONA LISA (18):** Neil Jordan's quirky comedy-drama, with Bob Hoskins in fine form as the bemused chauffeur to a high-class prostitute; a pity the plot fizzles out (104 min).
☎ **Cannon Chelsea** (01-352 5096). Progs 1.50, 5.35, 8.10.
☎ **Plaza Lower Regent Street** (01-437 1234, cc 01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.

THE MOSQUITO COAST (PG): Harrison Ford and Helen Mirren in an atmospheric adventure based on Paul Theroux's novel about a family taking refuge from fast foods and vulgarity in Central America's rivers and jungle (119 min).
☎ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 8.30.

THE NAME OF THE ROSE (18): Simplified edition of Umberto Eco's medieval murder mystery, filmed with a fine sense of atmosphere and a grotesque carnival of characters. Directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud; with Sean Connery (131 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 12.15, 2.40, 5.25, 8.15.

Helen Mirren as Harrison Ford's amazingly tolerant wife in *The Mosquito Coast* (see listing). Mirren first made an impact in the cinema in the 1960s when she played the beach girl in Michael Powell's *Age of Consent* and though her films have been spasmodic, she has seldom failed to light up the screen. On stage, meanwhile, she is Madame Bovary in the Edna O'Brien play at Watford (see Theatre).

■ **PEGGY SUE GOT MARRIED (15):** Francis Ford Coppola's warm, sophisticated time-warp comedy, in which Kathleen Turner's troubled mum finds herself back at high school (103 min).
☎ **Electric Screen** (01-229 3694). Progs 2.40, 4.40, 6.45, 9.00.
☎ **Minema** (01-235 4225). Progs 3.00, 5.00, 7.00, 9.00.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.45, 5.00, 8.25.
☎ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111, cc 930 3232). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.00.
Odeon Swiss Cottage, (01-586 3057). Progs 2.50, 5.10, 8.20.

■ **A ROOM WITH A VIEW (PG):** Merchant-Ivory's version of an early Forster novel offers the expected virtues and vices: elegance, civility, bloodlessness. With Helena Bonham Carter as the English girl whose visit to Italy opens new doors (117 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.15.
☎ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 6990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.
☎ **Curzon West End** (01-439 4805). Progs 1.30, 3.45, 6.10, 8.40.
☎ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644, cc 01-602 5193). Progs 2.15, 4.55, 8.15.
☎ **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01-586 3057). Progs 3.00, 6.00, 8.15.

SALVADOR (18): Vivid political drama set in Central America, inspired by the past adventures of photo-journalist Richard Boyle. Oliver Stone directs James Woods, James Belushi (123 min).
☎ **Cannon Tottenham Court Road** (01-636 6148). Progs 2.55, 5.30, 8.
☎ **Screen on the Green** (01-226 3520). Progs 3.40, 6.20, 8.40.
☎ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791, cc 01-439 1534). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 8.20.

SHORT CIRCUIT (PG): Lightning strikes a robotized weapons system, causing chaos. Inventive comic romp for teenagers, directed by John Badham; with Ally Sheedy, Steve Guttenberg (99 min).
☎ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252). Progs 1.00, 3.35, 6.10, 8.50.

■ **WHEN THE WIND BLOWS (PG):** Animated version of Raymond Briggs's best-seller about a placid old couple facing a nuclear attack. John Mills and Peggy Ashcroft provide the voices (85 min).
☎ **Camden Plaza** (01-485 2443) Progs 1.30, 3.20, 5.15, 7.10, 9.10.
☎ **Cannon Chelsea** (01-352 5096) Progs 2.25, 5.55, 8.30.
☎ **Cannon Haymarket** (01-839 1527) Progs 1.15, 3.10, 5.05, 7.00, 9.00.
☎ **Cannon Shaftesbury Ave** (01-836 8861) Progs 1.40, 3.50, 6.00, 8.45.

CONCERTS

☆ **LECOSALDI LUNCH:** The Lecosaldi Ensemble includes Telemann's Concerto for Flute, Violin and Strings, Handel's Concerto Grosso Op 6 No 4 and a Flute Concerto by Pergolesi in the performance. **St Anne and St Agnes's**, Gresham Street, London EC2 (01-769 2677), 1.10-1.55pm, free.

☆ **OGDON IS 50:** John Ogdon's 50th birthday is celebrated by this concert in which he solos in his own Piano Concerto and the *Rhapsody on a theme by Paganini*, by Rachmaninov. John Lubbock also conducts the LPO in Wagner's *Mastersinger* Overture and Brahms's *Variations on the St Anthony Chorale*. **Festival Hall**, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.20pm, £3.50-£14.

☆ **FROM THE CENTRE:** The National Centre for Orchestral Studies Symphony Orchestra plays Bax's Symphony No 7; Jean Owen solos in Jolivet's Bassoon Concerto; Aline Brewer (harp) in Debussy's *Danse sacrée et Danse profane* and Colin Stone (piano) in Franck's Symphonic Variations. Grant Llewellyn conducts. **St John's**, Smith Square, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30-9.15pm, £2-£4.

☆ **NELLI SHKOLNIKOVA:** This violinist performs Beethoven's "Kreutzer", Sonata, Op 47; Prokofiev's Sonata No 2, Vitali's *Chaconne, a Melody* and a Valse Scherzo by Tchaikovsky. Gordon Back is at the piano. **Wigmore Hall**, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30-9.15pm, £2.50-£5.50.

☆ **ALL MOZART:** Ivor Bolton conducts the Chamber Orchestra of London in Mozart's Symphonies Nos 35, "Haffner" and 38, "Prague". Michael Thompson solos in the Horn Concerto No 4, Jean-Louis Steuerman in the Piano Concerto No 21. **Barbican Centre**, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £5.50-£11.50.

☆ **LOOK AT RAVEL:** The Endymion Ensemble continues its "New Look at Ravel" series by following his Introduction and Allegro with Schoenberg's five Orchestral Pieces Op 16; Ligeti's Cello Concerto; Knussen's *Ophelia Dances*. **Purcell Room**, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 8-9.40pm, £2-£4.

ROCK

☆ **THE PSYCHEDELIC FURS:** There is a harder guitar edge propping up Richard Butler's fascinating cracked voice on the current tour. **Edinburgh Playhouse**, 18-21 Greenside Place (031-557 2590), 7.30pm, £6.

☆ **MANTRONIX:** Highly regarded New York hip-hop duo. **The Hacienda**, 11-13 Whitworth St West, Manchester (061-236 5051), 9.30pm, £4.

JAZZ

☆ **WHITE HEAT:** Modern big band featuring some of London's best jazz-inclined session musicians. **Bull's Head**, Barnes Bridge, London SW13 (01-876 5241), 8.30pm, £4.

☆ **DAVE HOLLAND:** Vigorous modern quintet led by an outstanding British bassist and featuring the drum prodigy Marvin Smith. **Ronnie Scott's Club**, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (£2 members).

DANCE

☆ **THE SLEEPING BEAUTY:** Briony Brind and Derek Deane dance the leads in the Royal Ballet's production. **Royal Opera House**, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10.15pm, £1-£22.50.

☆ **UNION DANCE COMPANY:** A mixed programme, compiling several traditions, opens a seven-week season of new dance. **The Place**, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8-10pm, £4.

★ **GISELLE:** London City Ballet double-bill with a new production of Jack Carter's dramatic *Three Dances to Japanese Music*. **Theatre Royal**, New Road, Brighton, (0273 28488), 7.30-10pm, £3-£8.

★ **THE SNOW QUEEN:** David Bintley's adaptation of the Hans Andersen story is performed on tour by Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet. **Theatre Royal**, Hope Street, Glasgow (041-331 1234), 7.15-10.05pm, £2.50-£15.

GALLERIES

ROSE BARTON (1856-1929): A retrospective re-appraising the work of an Irish painter of pleasant, mainly topographical watercolours who trained in Paris. **The Fine Art Society**, 148 New Bond Street, London W1 (01-629 5116). Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until March 6

TALKS

BRITISH HERITAGE: Illustrated talk by S.J. Andrews. **Birmingham and Midland Institute**, Margaret Street, Birmingham (021-236 3591), 6.30pm, free.

ENGLISH DOMESTIC SILVER: Two talks by Elizabeth Murdoch – Henry VIII to Queen Anne (noon), George I to Queen Victoria (2.30pm) **Victoria and Albert Museum**, South Kensington, London SW7 (01-589 6371/01-581 4894), free.

A GARDEN OF ROSES: Illustrated lecture by Graham Thomas, Gardens Consultant to the National Trust. **Purcell Room**, South Bank Centre, London SE1 (01-928 2252), 6pm, £2.50.

WALKS

Inside Dickens's London, meet Holborn underground, 2pm £2.25.

Who are the cockneys? meet St Paul's underground, 11am, £2.50.

The Jewish East End, meet Aldgate underground, 11am, £2.50.

Best of British pubs night, meet Bond Street underground (ticket office), 7.30pm, £2.

Saxon, Viking and Norman London, meet Museum of London, 2.30pm, £2.75.

OTHER EVENTS

BOOK FAIR: Antique and second-hand books sold from 125 stands. Prices from several to hundreds of pounds. **Hotel Russell**, Russell Square, London WC1 (01-837 6470), 10.30am-7pm, free.

BOOK FAIR: Mainly antique books. **Marlborough Crest Hotel**, Bloomsbury Street, London WC1 (01-636 5601), 10am-7pm, free.

TAPE SLIDE PRESENTATIONS: Three topics: Introduction to Manuscript Illumination (11am); French Gothic Manuscripts (12.30pm). Medieval Gospel Books (2pm). **British Library**, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-323 7111)

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

WIGMORE CONCERTS: Booking from this week for March programme, including Yehudi Menuhin and Philip Langridge in Priaulx Rainier concert; and performances from Carl Dolmetsch recorders, Hilliard Ensemble, Moscow Quartet and Patterson Quintet. **Wigmore Hall**, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1. (01-935 2141).

OPERA NORTH: General booking opens for performances in York, with Graham Vick's production of *The Abduction from the Seraglio*; plus *La traviata* and *La Bohème*. June 9-13. **Theatre Royal**, St Leonard's Place, York. (0904 23568).

JOHN WILLIAMS AND FRIENDS: Booking for concert in aid of Greenpeace, with works by Vivaldi, and songs from Japan, Italy, Latin America and Hungary. March 18. **Barbican**, Silk Street, London EC2. (01-638 8891).

LAST CHANCE

DAVE ALLEN LIVE: Last performances this week of one-man show. 8pm, until Sat. **Albery**, St Martin's Lane, London WC2. (01-836 3878) (cc 01-379 6565).

BOND WINNERS

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for Premium Bond prizes are: £100,000: **12YK 977379** (the winner comes from Llanelli); £50,000: **26AK 764745** (London borough of Chelsea and Kensington); £25,000: **18WF 716943** (Middlesex).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Richard Williams; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 628 8795/638 8891. Ton't at 7.45 CHAMBER ORCHESTRA OF LONDON Ivor Bolton cond Jean Louis Steuerman piano Michael Thompson horn.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA Tomor 8.00 Tosca (PLEASE NOTE LATER STARTING TIME perf now ends 10.45). Wed 7.30 Faust.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911 Stdby Info 836 6903. S CC. Tickets £1-£22.50 (Ballet) £2-£40 (Opera) 65 amphi seats avail on the day. Ton't 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET The Sleeping Beauty. Ballet Casting info. 01 240 9815. Tomor 7.30 THE ROYAL OPERA Norma.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916. See 'Theatres' section. New Sadler's Wells Opera info Hotline 278 0855.

THEATRES

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THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL
Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00
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DAVE ALLEN LIVE
"DEVASTATINGLY FUNNY" L.B.C.
LAST WEEK

ALDWYCH 01 836 6404/0641 cc 01 379 6233. 01 741 9999
DOROTHY TUTIN SUSAN ENGEL HARRY TOWB STEVEN MACKINTOSH ROBERT GLENISTER in
NEIL SIMON'S
BRIGHTON BEACH MEMOIRS
Directed by MICHAEL RUDMAN
A National Theatre Production "Humour at its best, a rich and loving production" Daily Mail "A beautifully shaped family comedy" Times "It will run for a long time" Time Out
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AMBASSADORS 01 836 6111/2 cc 836 1171. First Call (24 hrs/7 days) 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.30, Wed mat 3, Sat 4 & 8 Royal Shakespeare Company's
LES LIAISONS DANGEREUSES
Winner 4 "BEST PLAY" awards Lindsay Duncan "BEST ACTRESS" Olivier Awards '86

APOLLO, Shaftesbury Ave. 01 437 2663. 434 3598. CC First Call 24 hr 7 day 240 7200. Keith Prowse 741 9999. FOR LIMITED 4 WEEK SEASON. Tues - Sat 8pm Mats: Wed 3pm, Sat 5pm, SUNDAYS 4.30pm
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"A Brilliant actor" D Tel "Brilliant" What's On "Brilliant" Sun Times
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"Outstanding" Gdn. "A jewel of acting" Sun Times. "A triumph, something special" D.Tel

APOLLO VICTORIA SS 828 8665/6/7 CC 630 6262/3/4/5/6/7 Party Bkgs 828 6188 First Call cc (24hr) 240 7200 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6433 Grp Sales 930 6123. Tkts from W H Smith Travel Branches. Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.0
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Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN
SOME SEATS AVAILABLE THIS WEEK. Special concessions at £5 on Tues mats for OAP's NOW BOOKING TO SEPTEMBER

BARBICAN 01 628 8795/638 8891 cc (Mon-Sun 10am-8pm) ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY
BARBICAN THEATRE Ton't 5.45 EARLY STAGES - BROTHERS' PRIDE AND RUIN by Micheline Wandor. Ton't, tomor, Wed 7.30, Thurs 2.00 & 7.30 THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR 'terrific' Obs. A PENNY FOR A SONG by John Whiting, final perfs 13-17 Feb. MISALLIANCE by Bernard Shaw final perfs 20-21 Feb.
THE PIT ton't, tomor, Wed 7.30 Thurs 2.00 & 7.30 THE ARCHBISHOP'S CEILING by Arthur Miller. HERESIES by Deborah Levy, final perfs 13-17 Feb.

BOULEVARD Berwick St, W1 (Nr Raymond Revuebar) 437 2661 Eves 8pm, Sat Mat 6.00 Jim McManus in
HANCOCK'S FINEST HOUR by Colin Bennett
"The lad himself... magnificently mastered" Std. "Deeply impressive... the charm, delightfulness, the laughs" D Tel "Fascinating" M.on Sun

COMEDY THEATRE 930 2578 CC 240 7200/379 6433/741 9999 Grps 930 6123
"A superb acting partnership" Times
JOHN ALDERTON
GWEN TAYLOR SUSAN PENHALIGON
THE MAINTENANCE MAN
A Comedy by Richard Harris
"A MARITAL MASTERPIECE ...WONDERFULLY FUNNY" N of the W
"The applause of rapturous recognition" D Mail
"Very funny indeed" S.Exp
Mon-Thu 8 Fri/Sat 5.30 & 8.30 HURRY FINAL WEEK

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HINGE AND BRACKET in a new show
Opens 3 March · 4 weeks only Fri-Mon 8 Sat 5.30 & 8.30

COTTESLOE 'S' 928 2252 CC (National Theatre's small auditorium) Previews Ton't, Tomor, Wed 7.30 Opens Thur 7.00. Then Fri 7.30. Sat 2.30 & 7.30 A VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE by Arthur Miller.

CRITERION S 930 3216 CC 379 6565/379 6433 All Hrs/741 9999. Grps 836 3962. Evgs 8.00. Thu mat 2.30. Sat 5.30 & 8.30
"BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" D Mail
The Theatre of Comedy Company
DEREK FOWLDS ROYCE MILLS
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Mon-Fri 7.30 Sat 4 & 8.15. SPECIAL CONCESSIONS at £7 all perfs except Fri & Sat eves for OAP's, UB40's, students & under 16's in all 1 hr before perf SEATS AVAIL FOR PERF TON'T

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DONMAR WAREHOUSE 240 8230 CC Open All Hours 379 6565/6433
DEE DEE BRIDGEWATER as Billie Holiday in LADY DAY
From Feb 23. Eves 8.00 Fri & Sat 6.00 & 8.30 Feb 26 at 7.00

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Hit Comedy by Richard Harris Directed by Julia McKenzie "TRIUMPH ON TAP" Std
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GLENDA JACKSON JOAN PLOWRIGHT
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Nuria Espert - Best Director Standard Drama Awards '86

GREENWICH THEATRE 01-858 7755. First Call cc 24hrs 240 7200 (bkg fee). Eves 7.45 Mats Sat 2.30 THE VIEWING by David Pownall. "Intelligent, thoughtful, thoroughly entertaining — quite an achievement. The cast is uniformly excellent." D. Tel.

HAMPSTEAD 722 9301 Previews Ton't & Tomor 8pm. Opens Wed 7pm. THIS STORY OF YOURS by John Hopkins

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DEREK JACOBI in
"A Truly Mesmerising Performance" S.Times
BREAKING the CODE
by HUGH WHITEMORE
Joanna David Isabel Dean Michael Gough
Dir by CLIFFORD WILLIAMS "THIS HUMAN, HUMANE, SERIOUS AND GRIPPING PLAY... VERY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED" S Times

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THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA
Starring MICHAEL CRAWFORD
SARAH BRIGHTMAN STEVE BARTON
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Directed by HAROLD PRINCE
Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 Now Booking to October Some Wed mats available, please contact box office for returns

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"A brilliant and joyously comic performance" F.Times
in The National Theatre's acclaimed production of ALAN AYCKBOURN'S
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"Heartbreakingly funny" Gdn "Hilarious.." S. Times "A rare evening of comic exhilaration" Times
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"The Best Thriller for years" S M
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MALCOLM McDOWELL MARY STEENBURGEN
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Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval.
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Now booking to September.

PICCADILLY 437 4506 CC 379 6565/379 6433 Open All Hours/741 9999 One Month only From Feb 17
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BEST MUSICAL 1986 Drama Magazine
CHESS
"A GRAND MASTER OF A SHOW" Newsweek
Now booking to September
MAT SEATS SOMETIMES AVAILABLE ON DAY
On Monday eves and Thurs mats the part of Florence will be played by Siobhan McCarthy.

PRINCE OF WALES W1 839 5987 cc First Call 24 hour, 7 day (BKG FEE) 240 7200 Grp Sales 930 6123 Keith Prowse 741 9999. Open All Hours 379 6433
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"It's all sauce at the café of laughs" D Exp. Eves 8. Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.40
MUST END MAY 30TH

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MAUREEN LIPMAN in WONDERFUL TOWN!
"It ripples with excitement" S.Times "Just wonderful" D.Exp
Mon-Sat 8 Mats Wed 2.30 Sat 5

ROYAL COURT S CC 730 1745 Jim Cartwright's ROAD is back! Dir. by Simon Curtis. Eves 8pm, Sat Mats 4pm.

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916. First Call CC 24hr 7 day 240 7200 Until 14 Feb: This Week 2.00 & 6.30
The New Narnia Adventure
THE VOYAGE OF THE DAWN TREADER
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"The sharpest, most sophisticated, most rhythmic musical now running in the West End" Std
Starring WAYNE SLEEP TOYAH WILLCOX
Directed & Choreographed by Gillian Lynne
Mon-Thur 7.30, Fri & Sat 5.00 & 8.15
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MARTIN JARVIS PETER BLYTHE JOSEPHINE TEWSON in ALAN AYCKBOURN'S New Play
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"THIS MUST BE THE FUNNIEST PLAY IN LONDON, IT IS ALSO THE MOST DISTURBING" S Tel "ALAN AYCKBOURN IS WRITING AT HIS BEST" S.Times

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TREVOR EVE STEPHEN REA
NATASHA RICHARDSON ANGELA RICHARDS
HIGH SOCIETY
Directed by Richard Eyre
Prevs Feb 13 1st Night Feb 25 Mon-Fri 7.45 Wed Mat 3 Sat 4.45 & 8.15

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The Award Winning Comedy
WHEN I WAS A GIRL I USED TO SCREAM & SHOUT
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"ONE OF THE FUNNIEST PLAYS OF RECENT YEARS" Obs
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"A performance unparalleled in the West End" Independent.
VANESSA REDGRAVE TOM WILKINSON in
The Young Vic production of GHOSTS
By Henrik Ibsen
Directed by David Thacker
"BRILLIANT PRODUCTION, DON'T MISS" City Limits

WYNDHAM'S S 836 3028 CC OPEN ALL HOURS 379 6565/6433 Grps 836 3962 From 25 Feb: Eves 8.30. Sat Mats 5pm
STEVEN BERKOFF IS BACK in
DECADENCE
with LINDA MARLOWE
Limited season - book now!

YOUNG VIC 928 6363 CC 379 6433 (no bkg fee) 240 7200 24hr (bkg fee)
From Thurs - 4 weeks only
BILLIE WHITELAW PATRICK STEWART
WHO'S AFRAID OF VIRGINIA WOOLF?
Eves 7.30. Sat Mat 2.30

ART GALLERIES

ANTHONY d'OFFAY 9 & 23 Dering St W1 499 4100. ABOUT SCULPTURE.

BARBICAN ART GALLERY, Barbican Centre, EC2. 01-638 4141 x 206 RUSSIAN STYLE 1700-1920: COURT AND COUNTRY DRESS FROM THE HERMITAGE, LENINGRAD. Until Apr 26. Tue-Sat 10-6.45. Sun & Bk Hol 12-5.45 CLOSED MON Except Bk Hols. Adm £3, Conc. £1.50

BRITISH MUSEUM, Gt. Russell St, WC1 THE NEW THRACIAN TREASURE from Rogozen, Bulgaria. Adm free. Mon-Sat 10-5. Sun 2.30-6. Recorded Info 01 580 1788.

CONCOURSE GALLERY Barbican Centre Athena Art Awards for 1987. Weekdays 11-8, Sun 12-8 Until March 8.

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FISCHER FINE ART 30 King St, St. James's, SW1. 839 3942. PETER COOK - Cities & DAVID BOMBERG - Paintings & Drawings. Until 24 Feb. Mon-Fri 10-5.30.

MARLBOROUGH, 6 Albemarle St. W1 FRANK AUERBACH. Recent Work. 7 Jan.- 20 Feb. Fully illus. Cat. avail. Mon-Fri 10-5.30. Sats. 10-12.30. 01-629 5161.

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TATE GALLERY, Millbank SW1. THE LIPCHITZ GIFT. Until 10 May. Adm. free. Wkdys 10 - 5.50. Suns 2 - 5.50. Recorded info. 01-821 7128.

ZAMANA GALLERY, 1 Cromwell Gardens, SW7. 584 6612. FESTIVAL OF COLOUR: Paintings by Young Artists from the Islamic World. Until 26 April. Tue-Sat 10-5.30. Sun 12-5.30.

CINEMAS

CAMDEN PLAZA opp Camden Town Tube 485 2443. WHEN THE WIND BLOWS (PG) Film at 1.30 3.20 5.15 7.10 9.10

CHELSEA CINEMA Kings Road SW3. 351 3742 INSPECTEUR LAVARDIN (15) Film at 2.25 4.30 6.40 8.55

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 499 3737. Antonio Gades, Laura del Sol in Carlos Saura's A LOVE BEWITCHED (PG) Film at 2.00 (not Sun) 4.10 6.20 & 8.40 "Musically and visually a feast" F.T.

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 439 4805. Maggie Smith, Denholm Elliott, Judi Dench in A ROOM WITH A VIEW (PG). Film at 1.30 (Not Sun). 3.45. 6.10 & 8.40. "A film as near to perfection as it's possible to conceive...my movie of 1986" Alexander Walker, Std.

LEICESTER SQUARE THEATRE 930 5252 (Enq)/930 7615 (24 hr Access/ Visa/ AmEx Bookings) SHORT CIRCUIT (PG) in Dolby Stereo. Sep progs Daily 1.00 3.35 6.10 8.50 All progs bookable in advance.

LUMIERE CINEMA St Martin's Lane WC2. 379 3014/836 0691 THE SACRIFICE (15) Film at 2.10 5.05 8.10

MINEMA 45 KNIGHTSBRIDGE 235 4225 PEGGY SUE GOT MARRIED (15) with Kathleen Turner directed by Francis Coppola Daily: 3.0 5.0 7.0 9.0. Seats bookable in advance for 7.0 & 9.0

ODEON HAYMARKET (839 7697) THE MOSQUITO COAST (PG) Sep progs Daily 2.0 5.45 8.30. All seats bookable in advance. Access and Visa telephone bookings welcome

ODEON LEICESTER SQUARE (930 6111) Info 930 4250/4259 PEGGY SUE GOT MARRIED (15) Sep progs Doors open Daily 2.00 5.00 8.00. All progs bookable in advance. Credit Card Hot Line (Access/ Visa/ AmEx) 930 3232/839 1929. 24 hour service. £2.50 seats available Monday all perfs.

ODEON MARBLE ARCH (723 2011) CROCODILE DUNDEE (15) Sep progs Doors open Daily 1.15 3.35 5.55 8.15. Reduced prices for OAP's, UB40 holders, Student card holders, Under 16's.

RENOIR opp. Russell Sq. Tube WC1 837 8402 (1) ROOMMATE (PG) Film at 2.30 4.30 6.40 8.55 (2) ROUND MIDNIGHT (15) Film at 3.30 6.00 8.35 ENDS Thurs. STARTS Fri 13 Feb Paul Cox's CACTUS (PG)

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THE ARTS

Plethora of piety

"Turn off your television sets", the Virgin Mary told us in *The Madonna of Medjugorje* (*Everyman*, BBC1), "and leave all other things that are no use." Unfortunately, this advice did not come until the very end of the programme. Of course, the good lady did not say it to camera, but rather had let it slip to a number of children in a remote Croatian village during her almost daily visitations over the last six years. At least, that is what we were led to believe by Eileen Atkins's piously credulous commentary.

TELEVISION

Miracles or boloney, the events at Medjugorje, which are rapidly creating another Lourdes in the unlikely setting of socialist Yugoslavia, are fascinating subjects for a documentary. The narration, however, with its almost proselytizing tone, invited criticism from all but conventional Roman Catholic opinion. This cynical old sinner found it rather distasteful.

The BBC should always be something of a Doubting Thomas, even when on its knees. The visionaries, however, appeared to be admirably honest in their devotion.

Finn, the central character in Anne Devlin's *Naming the Names* (BBC2), the latest film in the *Screen Two* series, also was subject to visions. What she saw was not the Virgin but a reincarnation of herself when younger.

Like nearly all Anne Devlin's work, the play, which is based on one of her short stories, is set in the political turmoil of her native Northern Ireland. But, as always, the political is approached from the personal perspective of the participants – one which often includes the working of the unconscious. Sylvestra Le Touzel was excellent as the girl who lured her English lover to his death but the bizarre, disturbing tone of the original was somewhat lessened by extending the story into a feature film.

Andrew Hislop

Elisabeth Platel (centre foreground) giving the outstanding single performance as the woman of the people, leading the revolutionaries with Wilfried Romoli

Triumphant dance to liberty

The vast fresco of Rudi van Dantzig's new ballet at the Paris Opéra, *Sans Armes, citoyens!*, seeks by time-travelling to put aspirations to freedom in a non-violent context: John Percival reports

Rudi van Dantzig's new work for the Ballet of the Paris Opéra, *Sans Armes, citoyens!*, involves some time-travelling, not only from the prologue in a contemporary Metro station (named Liberté – on the route to Egalité, with a connection to Fraternité) to the time of the French Revolution, but also within its scenes. There is a busker in 18th-century costume on the modern railway platform who plays some discordant bars from "La Marseillaise" on his flute, and a woman in modern dress takes part in the funeral cortège of casualties two centuries ago – not to mention a couple of sightseers for whom groups of revolutionaries appear only as famous paintings in the Louvre against which to photograph each other.

The main part of the ballet is set to the Berlioz *Symphonie funèbre et triomphale*, in a version by Marius Constant which combines the wind instruments of the first performance (although considerably fewer than the 200 marching men whom the composer led to the Place de la Bastille) with the percussion and the choir, but not the strings, from the composer's second treatment. Conducted by the new musical director of the Paris Opéra, Lothar Zagrosek, it makes a powerful score, apt to the fearful dread felt equally by the poor and the rich during the Revolution, to mourning for the dead and hope for a better world, and the celebration of victory.

But a large part of Van Dantzig's purpose is to put aspirations for liberty in a modern non-violent context, as indicated by his title. So, as soon as two aristocrats (sensitively played by Michaël Denard and Jean-Yves Lormeau) have died, one on the guillotine, the other hanged, they return to the stage to embrace their executioners in brotherly forgiveness. Besides, the flags of many republics join the tricolour in the triumph of liberty, the red flag and the Stars and Stripes fraternally crossing the stage from opposite directions but simultaneously.

The ballet is a vast fresco largely composed in a slow, declamatory style of dance that is sometimes more analogous to the manner of recitative than aria in an opera. The outstanding single performance is that of Elisabeth Platel as a woman of the people, a tough, forcible character who spits on her hands before going into action. She is known in Britain only for classic and romantic roles, but this part and her spirited, comic Cinderella earlier this season have shown Platel's wide and growing range. But *Sans Armes, citoyens!* is essentially an ensemble work and the dancers as a whole appeared happy to evoke both cheers and protests from the audience the night I was there – evidently that Van Dantzig's idealism had made a mark.

It is given on a double bill with the Stravinsky *Symphony in Three Movements*. This music was mounted at the Opéra a couple of years ago with choreography by Nils Christe, honourable but uninspired. Now the company has acquired Balanchine's masterly treatment: dances for six soloists and a large ensemble that match the strength of the music with images of flight, energy and tension. It does not get, from the ensemble, quite so taut and exhilarating a performance as did another Balanchine-Stravinsky masterpiece earlier in the season, *Violin Concerto*, but Sylvie Guillem and Elisabeth Platel are both outstanding in the andante second movement with Lormeau and Wilfried Romoli respectively as their partners.

In less than three months between the creation of *Cinderella* (which returns to the repertory for 11 performances between February 21 and March 17, and will be seen at the Met in New York in the summer) and of *Sans Armes, citoyens!*, the Ballet de l'Opéra has premièred works by three other major choreographers as well as Balanchine.

Jerome Robbins's *In Memory Of . . .*, new to Europe, is set to the Berg Violin Concerto, and its semi-abstract dances hint at the sad early death of Manon Gropius, to whom the score was dedicated. Guillem reveals an unexpected lyricism in the central role, with Jean Guizerix characteristically masterful as the figure of Death who replaces her lover.

The strange and erotic rituals devised by Hans van Manen to Beethoven's *Grosse Fuge* seemed to disconcert some of the company's leading members, but that did not stop them from dancing with smooth power. Antony Tudor's *The Leaves are Fading* was cast to give several of the younger talents a showing. It is a beautiful work and I at least was thankful for the chance to see it again in spite of shame that no British company has bothered to present it.

All too familiar

CONCERTS

Philharmonia/Davis
Festival Hall

Andrew Davis: unquestioning

The popular vote is probably right, and no music is more deserving of our attention than Beethoven's. A possibility of something important happening is therefore lost when the music is treated in the way that Andrew Davis treated it on Friday night, as if it were perfectly straightforward, ordinary and familiar.

It was the lack of curiosity, more than the weak level of conviction generated in the orchestra, that was most depressing. But no doubt the phenomena are connected, and the Philharmonia were responding with routine playing to a routine lead.

The unlovely hallmarks of Mr Davis's Beethoven were strict tempos, sharply struck attacks, an excess of trumpet and horn tone that added to the feeling one was hearing a military band, and a blinkering of vision to anything beyond the immediate future. The failure of a longer line brought the first movement of the C major Piano Concerto to two emphatic premature closes: one at the end of the first subject, the other after the soloist's exposition. Of course, the movement has special problems of continuity; but the effort to overcome them ought to be the source of special distinctions.

Not dissimilarly, the Seventh Symphony depends on arching unities being created out of repetitive particles, whereas here we had the particles and little else. The coherence of the finale even seemed to be in doubt from note to note, since there was no reason for it to be iterating in such a fashion.

The most stimulating music-making of the evening came in the concerto cadenza, simply because Ken Noda chose the rarely played longest alternative of those Beethoven supplied. Otherwise his playing was too much in the style of the concert: unwilling to look for weight, shape or elegance beyond the skip from one instant to the next.

Paul Griffiths

Pauline Oliveros
The Place

One can only regret that the Hildegards, the Clara Schumanns and the Ethel Smyths of this world had to stand pretty well alone in their time. But for Pauline Oliveros, the composer/performer whose concert began "The Hidden Sounds", a weekend festival of music written and played entirely by women, things are different. She works, thanks partly to herself, in a more enlightened age, when women composers stand a greater chance than before of being listened to with unprejudiced ears, inside or outside an accepted tradition.

Ms Oliveros, however, stands outside tradition to a degree that baffles even me. She has done too much in the past, particulary in the fields of improvisation, and tape and electronic techniques, which she helped pioneer in the United States in the Sixties, not to be admired. But nowadays she cultivates a compositional technique that relies heavily on intuitive extemporization.

Her pieces unfold as the situation demands; we are to suppose – and there seems no reason to doubt it looking at her transported countenance – that she is taking her inspiration from her innermost self, relating it to the ambience in the hall. Her fingers wander, none too adventurously, over the keys of her accordion, occasionally leaving it to play with the attached electronic box of tricks, and now and then she emits a half-sung, half-moaned or vaguely whistled fragment of tune. I gather that she calls the process "attentional strategy".

The results are not exactly captivating; indeed Ms Oliveros's chief intention seems to be to slow ones brain-speed down to zero. There are probably those who find such an experience cleansing and edifying, but for this critic it was rather like overdosing on an anaesthetic. The titles of the two pieces she played, by the way, were *The Roots of the Moment* and *Waking the Heart*. Not that it seemed to matter.

Stephen Pettitt

RPO/Koizumi
Festival Hall

This was the second concert in which Kazuhiro Koizumi took over from André Previn, recently admitted to hospital for a cartilage operation. It was a largely successful week for the young Japanese conductor, whose alert and well-prepared performances should have secured him a return visit.

He left London with a cogent account of Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony. There have, perhaps, been other more distinct approaches to this music, but Koizumi has the framework of the symphony securely in place: he allows no exaggeration or distortion of the score and maintains its thrust admirably across the span of four movements.

Orchestral ensemble was well drilled. The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra must have every note of this work in its bones, but there was still plenty of evidence that details had been newly thought out and polished. The dotted rhythms of the opening movement, so precise on clarinet and bassoon at the start, did not slacken later, as they so often do.

Koizumi brought the last movement to an exciting finish. One wished only that those slow Tchaikovsky melodies had been given a more overt emotional push. Russian conductors such as Mravinsky or Rostropovich may overplay the passion in their very different ways, but there is no doubting the authentic rush of blood in their veins.

The companion performance of Mozart's Piano Concerto, K453, worked on quite different terms. Radu Lupu is heard in these masterpieces of Mozart's maturity more often than anything else these days and his affinity to them seems to grow ever more intimate. Their most subtle shades of meaning have long since come within his grasp. The outer movements of this G major concerto were typically gentle, relaxed and fluent. But the central Andante offered something more: a style of playing that embraced an unusual degree of rhapsodic feeling, almost looking forward to the romantic era. No wonder this composer was Tchaikovsky's favourite.

Richard Fairman

OPERA

Faust
Coliseum

The strains of the King of Thulé folk-song are not, of course, the only thing Ian Judge's production of Gounod's *Faust* has in common with *Les Misérables*. There are those familiar line-up RSC entrances, those tricolour balloons, those massed umbrellas – in short, all the showbiz impedimenta of the up-market musical which, with its use of spoken dialogue to boot, the work has become at English National Opera.

Its strength lies in offsetting our own half-century's embarrassment with the world, the flesh, the devil and, perhaps, Gounod with albeit hefty ironic nudgings (a super-kitsch church, a Wilfred Owen soldiers' march). Its weakness lies in a sense of insecurity with itself – an unevenness of tone which shunts the audience this way and that while strenuously entertaining it.

This time round, there is happily a greater stability, thanks in no small part to the renewed and reassured vocal glories of Arthur Davies as Faust and Helen Field as Marguerite. And, as fussier and more exotic details (the jewel-adorned Negroes, not least) have made their exit, so two newcomers to the cast have made strong and welcome entries.

Ulrik Cold, nearly seven feet of him, is a monstrous incredible hulk of a Mephistopheles in comparison with John Tomlinson's debonair conjurer last time round. A tint of Danish gives a sinister, other-worldly aura to an omnipresence which reduces every mortal in sight to ant-like dimensions. The new Valentin is Alan Opie, whose formidable filling-out of the role drew some of the most heartfelt applause. Jacques Delacôte conducts: if only some of the Gallic stylishness in the pit could rise up to give the final authentic moulding to the singing itself.

Hilary Finch

Extraordinary insights

GALLERIES

Irving Penn
Victoria and Albert Museum

First thing in the New Year, yet another new, or at least renewed, area in the Victoria and Albert. This time it is the downstairs section just below the Exhibition Road entrance that was, until a few months ago, occupied by the Boilerhouse Project. It has now, since the Boilerhouse moved on to more expansive fields of activity, been done over as a convenient space for temporary design exhibitions – apparently outside the controversial scope of admission charges.

The first show under this new dispensation, devoted to the work of the American photographer *Irving Penn* (until March 8), reveals the gallery to have received an unobtrusive, neutral inner coating, which at least dispels the faint air the Boilerhouse always had of staging its activities in a rather up-market public lavatory, and makes a sensible background to shows of a more traditional type.

Penn is actually the perfect subject, and it is good to get a photographic exhibition like this out of the rather claustrophobic corridor in the Henry Cole Wing. He is quite well known in this country, both from his frequent appearances in books and magazines and through being exhibited in a fine-art context by Marlborough. This show began life at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, and represents vividly the wide range of his photographic activities. As it demonstrates, he combines wonderfully the gifts of an artist and those of a reporter.

Brilliantly combining the gifts of artist and reporter: Penn's *Schiaparelli Jacket with Tinsel and Glass* (1974)

His portraits fall right in the middle, and who can fail to be stirred, not only by the pictorial qualities of these pictures, which would catch the eye even if they were of nobodies, but also by the extraordinary insights they offer into the characters of the great and famous. There is a very alarming series of three pictures of Truman Capote, for example, charting his course with uncomfortable percipience from spoilt child to burnt-out case. Or observe Tom Wolfe, positively smirking with confidence of his own superior sophistication; or Max Ernst, humble and withdrawn, coupled with Dorothea Tanning living out, surely, her fantasies of being a Russian *prima assoluta*.

Then, of course, there are Penn's justly famous on-the-spot pictures of Peruvian Indians and New Guinea natives – or for that matter New York tradesmen – all achieved in the same way by putting the subjects in a studio (maybe only a temporary tent studio) against an absolutely plain background and letting them speak for themselves. His fashion photographs are also a delight, and not finally so different a delight. And then there are the clearly "artistic" pictures, the flower-pieces and still-lifes and anatomies of rubbish picked up in the streets or foodstuffs straight from the freezer. The same eye governs all, and the same supreme lack of pretension.

Usually, as soon as we find ourselves saying that a photographic still-life could stand beside a classic Dutch painting of the same kind, we begin to fear phoniness and a sort of dreadful straining to be Art. With Penn we do not need to worry: his most casual snapshot cannot but be art, whether he wills it or no.

John Russell Taylor

The developing genius

RADIO

Japan, goes the story, has developed everybody else's inventions and invented nothing itself. Like most such statements, this is at best a half-truth and besides, said one of the many Japanese contributors to **21st Century Blossoms** (Radio 3, yesterday), what is so bad about a genius for development?

No other nation in the world has shown it to such effect – and that, as we now ought to know to our cost, includes the UK. But if Colin Blakemore's investigations among the higher echelons of Japan's scientists and technologists predict anything, perhaps the story will have to be rewritten.

The Japanese are setting out to see if they can not only develop things but invent them too; and they are doing it with the same energy and commitment of resources that is characteristic of them when their formidable capacity for national consensus is engaged. We all know what that can achieve.

The fascinating question is whether that particular leopard can change its spots for, as Professor Blakemore's programme made amply clear, the qualities of individuality that make for inventiveness are uncommon in Japan; are indeed actually incompatible with those that create a much-prized consensus. Many of the speakers recognized this and it is probably true to say that, in order to compete with the USA and Europe as innovators, they are going to have to refashion a whole culture. Some of the difficulties will be aired in a second programme, *Big Tomorrow*, this coming Thursday.

One dispiriting statistic quoted by Colin Blakemore told us that over an identical period of time Britain has spent £33 million on scientific research, Japan £400 million, suggesting that we cannot even put our money where our gift is. A new round of **Face the Facts** (Radio 4, Wednesdays) has been piling up other instances where our rulers seem in no hurry to regulate minor and not so minor scandals. Recently John Waite uncovered the case of Warnborough College, an establishment near Oxford allegedly offering inadequate courses and worthless higher degrees to unsuspecting overseas students for very large sums of money. No one seems able to call its owners to account.

Last week, even more alarmingly, he told us about Tributyltin, an appallingly poisonous ingredient of marine anti-fouling paint which in concentrations of only one part in a million million is causing serious genetic damage to marine life, particularly shellfish. To be fair, the minister responsible did not seem blind to the dangers, but the French banned TBT completely five years ago. Mr Waite succeeds Roger Cook and Margo Macdonald in the line of chief radio inquisitors and I like his style. There are few dramatics and he brings to the job a level-headed persistence.

Last night saw the end of one of the more engaging thriller serials of recent months or even years. In John Fletcher's **Some Mother's Son** (Radio 4) Andy Smith, editor of a small-time ecological magazine, found himself sandwiched in a ruthless power-struggle between two gargantuan business empires both run by sadistic, scheming megalomaniacs. Accordingly it did him no good at all when he discovered evidence of uranium smuggling to an already sufficiently unstable African dictator. Mr Fletcher told a good story, laced it with bizarre incidents and couched it all in springy, stylish dialogue. The radio thriller has looked up.

David Wade

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THEATRE

Alarms
Riverside

I offer a guiding rule, useful when watching plays that deal with "issues".

If the characters include a sophisticated woman, of the sort old writers would have labelled "The Temptress", you need merely be on your guard. But if she is dressed in black, and shiny black at that, and even her cigarettes are black, then be warned that ahead of you lie tableaux not drama, and clichés ponderous enough to crush the bravest issue.

The issue here is the risk of nuclear catastrophe and the refusal of most of us to campaign against nuclear fuel, X-rays and luminous watches. The American writer Susan Yankowitz ingeniously links our resistance with the legend of Cassandra, whom Apollo cursed with the gift of uttering prophecies no one would believe.

As with Troy, so with civilization as we know it. Dr Cassandra (Mary McCusker) assembles evidence of deaths, still-births and salmon afflicted with cataract but nobody is impressed. Worse still, colleagues revile her, the slinky seductress steals her man and a bowler-hatted bureaucrat locks her away where her harsh warnings will not interfere with scientific progress.

On a skeletal set of metal rods, draped fabrics and surrealist sundries (ladder, mirror, hollow globe), Dr Cassandra utters her cries with unrelaxing earnestness. Even when her lover gives her a hug it is uncertain whether she jokes when telling him "You have sexualized my mammary glands".

Monstrous Regiment commissioned the play and Penny Cherns (director) choreographs the moves to give a balletic rigour to the grouping – a girl's back is turned while two others toss a bone of dialogue between them and a man watches from behind a rod. This precision saps the last credibility from characters never given body beyond their roles as Folly, Cowardice, Motherhood and the like. Nonetheless, I could stop wearing my luminous watch.

Jeremy Kingston

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79.3m	Devenish (J A)	219	●+7	3.9	1.8	30.3
236.4m	Greenall Whitley	210	●+1	7.9	3.8	12.7
129.8m	Greene King	310	●-1	8.4	2.7	17.7
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48.7m	Borland	98	-7	..	..	..
273.7m	Bowthorpe	615	+5	10.5	1.7	21.2
148.2m	Britannia Security	148	+2	2.1	1.4	18.3
14,544.0m	Br Telecom (aa)	242	●+17	11.2	4.6	14.1
82.0m	Brown Boveri Kent	108	-1	5.0b	4.6	10.3
4,180,000	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	16	-½	0.1e	0.6	28.6
51.8m	CASE	81	+1	..	..	5.6
3,826.0m	Cable Wireless (aa)	386	+27	7.2	1.9	27.1
103.6m	Cambridge Elec	270	●+4	10.6	3.9	16.2
72.3m	CAP Gp	186	●-2	2.3	1.2	23.6
78.3m	Chloride	61	+4	..	..	14.3
48.4m	Do 7¼% CPF	257	+11	..	..	..
15.4m	Colne Intl	178	● ..	3.9	2.2	18.0
64.3m	Comcap	385	+15	2.4	0.6	19.7
110.7m	Cray Elect	340	+7	6.0	1.8	25.6
78.3m	Crystalate	264	●+3	7.3	2.8	14.4
9,708,000	DDT Group	150	..	1.7	1.1	13.0
9,534,000	Dale Elect	71	+4	4.3	6.1	23.5
58.6m	Datasery	191	-4	1.0	0.5	..
1,298,000	Dewhurst	35	●-4	1.7	4.7	10.3
1,224,000	Do 'A'	34	●-2	1.7	5.0	9.7
53.9m	Domino	410	+40	3.3	0.8	23.7
40.1m	Dowding & Mills	47½	-1	2.3	4.8	12.3
58.1m	Dubilier	180	● ..	4.4	2.4	16.9
9,874,000	Eagle Tst	16¼	-½	..	..	..
454.6m	Electrocomponents	448	+6	9.4	2.1	21.7
1,595,000	Electronic Mach	65	-1	1.0	1.5	69.0
143.7m	Electronic Rentals	50	●+1	4.6	9.2	13.8
48.1m	Emess Lighting	305	●+9	8.9b	2.9	16.9
93.7m	Eurotherm	345	● ..	7.1	2.1	17.9
125.3m	FKI Elect	108½	+1	1.3	1.2	23.5
271.4m	Farnell Elect	216	+6	3.6	1.7	21.3
548.8m	Ferranti	127	+13	2.5	2.0	21.1
19.7m	Forward Tech	74	+8	1.0	1.4	31.0
5,759.0m	GEC (aa)	218	●+13	6.3	2.9	13.4
7,790,000	Grosvenor	125	-3	..	..	..
8,402,000	Highland Elect	96	-2	3.6	3.8	12.8
43.0m	IBL	60	..	1.7	2.8	8.3
455.3m	Int Signal & Control	267	+1	1.0	0.4	..
28.1m	Jones Stroud	305	+10	12.9	4.2	11.4
16.7m	Kode	298	-4	17.1b	5.7	62.2
16.2m	Lec Refrigeration	268	-8	17.9	6.7	10.4
125.7m	Logica	254	●+5	1.4	0.6	27.4
148.6m	MK Elect	398	+13	15.9	4.0	14.5
55.1m	Macro 4	256	●+15	1.4	0.5	31.9
70.8m	Memec	253	-2	4.3	1.6	20.3
49.3m	Micro BS	98	..	0.7e	0.7	15.5
11.5m	Micro Focus	95	+3	..	..	..
89.5m	Microgen	485	●+25	11.4	2.4	19.4
9,998,000	Miles 33	238	..	2.1	0.9	17.2
454.5m	Mitel	23¼	+⅛	..	..	..
9,000,000	Multitone Elect	60	-1	0.1e	0.2	45.1
16.2m	Murray Elect	54	-1	0.3	0.6	84.4
7,795,000	Newmark (Louis)	263	● ..	20.0	7.6	9.9
181.9m	NEI	82½	-2½	7.5b	9.1	11.8

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
127.9m	Bullough	355	+15	15.1	4.3	12.8
32.5m	Burgess	238	+2	3.9	1.6	16.5
21.8m	Burns-Anderson	127	●+9	4.3	3.4	22.3
19.7m	Camford Eng	104	-3	3.6	3.5	9.0
18.6m	Caparo Ind	49½	-½	2.4	4.8	40.9
28.8m	Cape Ind	98	-4	2.9e	3.0	14.8
47.0m	Cardo Eng	545	●+25	22.0	4.0	13.1
11.1m	Castings	108	+2	4.6	4.3	10.2
7,779,000	Celestion	33	-1	1.4	4.2	15.4
3,841,000	Central & Sheer	6	-1	..●	..	12.0
4,804,000	Centreway Ind	44½	+4	..●	..	21.9
32.5m	CH Ind	123	● ..	3.5	2.8	15.8
48.6m	Chamberlain Ph	134	+2	5.9	4.4	18.8
3,931,000	Chamberlin & Hill	111	-2	5.0	4.5	12.2
347.1m	Charter Cons	330	+2	16.8	5.1	18.1
18.4m	Chemring	586	●-7	28.6	4.8	10.9
111.5m	Christies Int	371	+6	7.9	2.1	25.0
2,211,000	Christy Hunt	35	+1	..	..	50.7
19.1m	Clarke (Clement)	239	..	6.5	2.7	55.8
4,025,000	Clayton Son	161	..	10.7	6.6	10.8
5,400,000	Cohen (A)	600	● ..	16.0	2.7	..
120.1m	Coloroll Gp	262	+15	7.6	2.9	28.3
21.3m	Combined Tech	17	+2	0.3	1.8	..
29.3m	Concentric	152	-1	6.4	4.2	14.7
6,247,000	Cont Stationery	95	+5	2.9b	3.1	24.1
26.8m	Cook (Wm)	244	+7	7.1	2.9	19.5
752.6m	Cookson (aa)	540	+1	11.6	2.1	14.7
4,606,000	Copson (F)	125	+10	2.5	2.0	56.9
10.9m	Cosalt	98	-4	5.0	5.1	14.1
22.8m	Courtney Pope	220	+14	..	..	..
12.4m	Cowan De Groot	59	-11	3.6	6.1	14.8
128.5m	Crest Nicholson	171	-3	6.8	4.0	13.9
46.8m	Crown House	173	●-13	11.3	6.5	9.8
1,083,000	Cummins 3¼%	£180½	..	375	2.1	..
2,261,000	DSC	72	-4	1.4	1.9	..
89.1m	DPCE	325	+27	2.6	0.8	36
708.9m	Dalgety	321	+11	18.6	5.8	..
1,571.3m	Dana	£26⅛	+3½	..	..	..
3,008,000	Davies & Met 'A'	56	-2	3.2	5	8.5
19.9m	Davies & Newman	258	● ..	14.3	4	9.4
198.9m	Davy	169	+11	7.4	4.8	15.2
567.4m	De La Rue	412	-3	15.7	4.2	11.1
325.7m	Delta	225	..	9.7	4.7	12.8
13.4m	Demand Stamping	255	●-1	..	4.4	9.8
28.8m	Desoutter	235	+3	..	2.0	33.1
2,773,000	Dobie Heal	29½	+1	7.5	3.0	19.1
138.2m	Diploma	246	+6	7.4	6.8	13.9
90.9m	Dobson Park	109	●+1½	7.1	7.6	18.3
6,975,000	Dom	93	..	7.9	10.3	8.5
38.6m	Domnion Int	77	●.	4.6	3.5	12.9
10.9m	Dwek	130	5	6.4	7.1	15.6
1,485,000	Dyson (J&J)	90	-5	6.4	8.2	14.4
9,344,000	Do 'A'	78	..	..	..	..

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32.1m	Eastern Prod	305	-4	14.3	4.7	7.7

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int. only yld%	Gross Red. yld%
	SHORTS (Under Five Years)				
1000m	Treas 10½% 1987	100	●+⅛	10.2	
899m	Exch 2½% 1987	99⅛	●+⅛	2.5	
1548m	Exch 10½% 1987	99⅞		10.5	
555m	Fund 6½% 1985-87	99⅞		6.5	
1596m	Treas 10% 1987	99¾		10.0	
931m	Treas 3% 1987	98	+⅛	3.1	
1971m	Treas 12% 1987	101⅛		11.8	
491m	Treas 7¾% 1985-88	98½	+⅛	7.9	

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STOCK MARKET

(Change on week)

FT 30 Share
1508.9 (+67.9)

FT-SE 100
1898.4 (+90.1)

Bargains
55063 (34168)

USM (Datastream)
142.89 (+1.77)

THE POUND

(Change on week)

US dollar
1.5090 (-0.0030)

W German mark
2.7992 (+0.0307)

Trade-weighted
68.8 (+0.3)

Showdown nears over SIB rules

By Our City Staff

The stage is set for the final showdown between the Securities and Investments Board and the clearing banks and building societies. The SIB has held its last meeting before handing over its investor protection rule book to the Office of Fair Trading.

The rule book — which provides the benchmark for all investment businesses to be regulated under the Financial Services Act — will be passed to the OFT and the Department of Trade and Industry within the next few days.

Already the clearing banks and building societies have lobbied the OFT, complaining about the restrictive effect which the SIB's "polarization" rule will have on their life assurance and unit trust business.

The effect of this rule is largely to force the banks and societies to choose between recommending only their own products to their customers or recommending the products of other companies — but not their own.

The SIB says it is necessary so that consumers know exactly whom they are dealing with when they are given investment advice. The banks and building societies say polarization will unfairly restrict the service they can provide to their customers.

However, the SIB is adamant that the polarization rules should remain intact. "It is not an issue on which we are prepared to compromise," an SIB spokesman said yesterday.

The banks and building societies are prepared to fight hard to see their view prevail.

"It is difficult to understand a stance which does not allow for compromise when, in fact, it is the interests of consumers which we believe to be at risk," a spokesman for one of the clearing banks said.

Sir Gordon Borrie, director-general of the OFT, does not have the power to strike out an SIB rule. However, his recommendations to the Department of Trade and Industry will carry very persuasive authority.

The OFT has to determine whether the rules go too far in restricting competition

Newcomers set USM record

The Unlisted Securities Market will continue to play an important part in 1987 and beyond despite the alternative of the new Third Market, according to Peat Marwick. Its quarterly USM survey shows that a record 33 companies joined the market during the final quarter of last year.

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RESULTS

- **TODAY** — **Interims:** Gold Fields of South Africa, Heiton Holdings, LDH Group, Menvier-Swain Group, Owen & Robinson. **Finals:** Green Property Co, Vogelstruisbult Metal Holdings.
- **TOMORROW** — **Interims:** BOC Group (1 qtr), Polytechnic Electronics, Press Tools, Trent Holdings. **Finals:** Bulfontein Mines, General Funds Investment Trust, Griqualand West Diamond Mining, Manchester Ship Canal (amended), Phoenix Properties & Finance (amended), Securicor Group, Talbex Group, Throgmorton USM Trust.
- **WEDNESDAY** — **Interims:** Automagic Holdings, Manganese Bronze Holdings. **Finals:** General Consolidated Investment Trust, Newmarket Co, PLM, Reuters Holdings.
- **THURSDAY** — **Interims:** Dairon International, DOM Holdings, Elbief, Estates Property Investment, William Ransom & Son. **Finals:** Birmid Qualcast.
- **FRIDAY** — **Interims:** Imperial Continental Gas, Second Alliance Trust. **Finals:** GT Asia (Sterling) Fund.

Search is on for men to lead two tough battles

Tennant tipped for Guinness

By Lawrence Lever

Mr Anthony Tennant, deputy group chief executive of Grand Metropolitan, heads a shortlist of candidates drawn up by Guinness for the job of chief executive of the brewing and leisure group.

Mr Tennant, aged 55, is understood to be the clear favourite of the Guinness board to succeed Mr Ernest Saunders, who was sacked as chairman and chief executive by the board last month.

The Guinness senior management is meeting in Edinburgh today and a number of Guinness directors, including four of the five independent directors, will tour Distillers plants in Scotland afterwards.

Guinness is holding a full board meeting in Edinburgh tomorrow — its first ever in Scotland.

Mr Tennant lost out last November in the succession race for the job of chief executive of Grand Met. He is highly rated by City analysts, not least for his marketing skills which have benefited drinks such as Bailey's Irish Cream and Malibu.

Before becoming deputy group chief executive in the boardroom shuffle at Grand Met, he headed the international side of the company, which included IDV — the group's most profitable company.

Meanwhile, further links have emerged between the Guinness affair and Alexanders Laing & Cruickshank, the stockbroker.

The Department of Trade and Industry inspectors spent 20 minutes interviewing Mr Ronald George Penny, who works at Laing but is not a stockbroker.

The inspectors have already seen Mr Anthony Parnes, the former Laing stockbroker who admitted receiving £3 million in fees from Guinness and initiated the purchase of £25 million worth of Guinness shares by Mr Gerald Ronson's Heron International company.

Mr Penny was unwilling to give full details yesterday of the interview, which he described as "fairly amicable."

But he said: "They asked me about one specific matter. They asked for my confirmation of something they have already been told. I will not discuss it with you."

Anthony Tennant: highly rated by City analysts

Mr Penny would not say what his precise duties at Laing were.

According to documents filed at Companies House, Mr Penny is a director and minor shareholder in J Lyons Chamberlayne.

This company received £300,000 from Guinness under one of the mystery invoices, for which Guinness has no satisfactory explanation. Mr Penny has not received any direct payment from Guinness.

Mr Parnes and Sir Jack Lyons — who have between them received fees of more than £5 million from Guinness — are also directors and principal shareholders of this company.

Laing has already said that its role in the Guinness bid for Distillers "was confined to the execution of orders in an agency capacity from clients in Guinness shares."

● Sir Norman Macfarlane, the Guinness chairman, last week met Mr Irving Scott, a Guinness shareholder who is trying to form a shareholders' association to represent the views of small shareholders in Guinness.

According to Mr Scott, Sir Norman "congratulated" him on his initiative

Ex-Bell chief denies any deal

By Colin Narbrough

Mr Peter Tyrie, a former director of Arthur Bell & Sons, yesterday denied that he had made any secret deals with Mr Ernest Saunders, the former Guinness chairman, in return for backing the brewing group in its battle for Bell in 1985.

He said he had also had no dealings with Department of Trade and Industry inspectors looking into Guinness share dealings during its Distillers takeover last year. "I know absolutely nothing about it."

Mr Tyrie said: "There were absolutely no deals. In fairness to Ernest Saunders, he never gave any guarantees." He admitted that he had met Mr Saunders and sought assurances about jobs at Bell and the development of its Gleneagles hotel and leisure arm. "Those things did not, however, materialize."

The only thing that decided the takeover was the Guinness share price, and that was when Mr Saunders was the darling of the City, Mr Tyrie said. He backed the bid, defying the Bell chairman, Mr Raymond Miquel, and his board colleagues, on the counsel of his financial advisers.

Mr Tyrie's role in the Bell takeover was questioned by Mr William Walker, Conservative MP for North Tayside, Dundee, during a Commons debate.

Costain to build N Sea pipeline

By Anne Warden

Costain, the British engineering, building and mining group, is planning to build a 320 mile pipeline from Nigg Bay to rigs in the North Sea to collect light oils, at present unused, for the chemical industry.

The carbon steel pipeline will bring in an estimated 100,000 barrels a year of naphtha, kerosene, propanes and butanes in its first phase, expected to begin in 1992, and eventually up to 200,000 barrels, Mr Brian Scanlon, chairman of Costain's venture group, said last week.

Costain hopes tariffs from users of the pipeline will bring in profits from the venture, and give British companies cheaper sources for chemical process ingredients.

The pipeline, together with plans for a lignite-based power station in Northern Ireland, for which Costain is competing, are part of the company's new strategy of replacing dwindling markets in the Middle East with investment in new fields.

The group, which has an annual turnover of £1 billion, is also looking for non-coal mining opportunities in Britain, and is developing its American interests

Premium on BA shares likely to soar on frustrated demand

By Ray Heath

Demand from disappointed British institutions and foreign investors left out of the British Airways share allocations at the weekend will be the key to the premium on the offer price when dealings start on Wednesday.

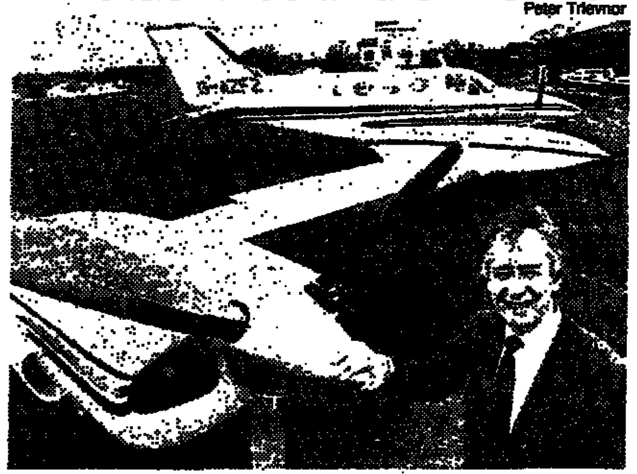
One leading market-maker predicted that the partly-paid shares would go to a premium of 25p to 30p over the 125p offer price.

Only 65p of the full price had to be paid immediately, with the second instalment of 60p due in August. In the unofficial "grey market," BA shares traded at 90p on Friday.

More than one million applications were received. Investors wanting 100,000 shares or less of the 720,200,000 on offer applied for 2.9 billion. The 5,000 applications for more than 100,000 shares added up to 4.9 billion, so the issue was oversubscribed just under 10 times.

British institutions, which had initially been allocated 325.2 million shares, or 45 per cent of the total, have had their allocations reduced to 260.16 million, or 36.1 per cent. Foreign investors have had their initial allocations reduced by 28.8 million shares to 118.6 million, or 16.5 per cent.

Peter Trievnor



Business on the wing: Mr Michael Spicer, the aviation minister, at Fairoaks Airport, Surrey, looking at facilities for light business aircraft. The South-east's facilities are needed urgently to fill the gap left by Heathrow and Gatwick airports, where capacity for business users is at a premium, he said.

How much the British and overseas institutions will try to top up their holdings will be a significant factor in the opening demand for the shares.

There could also be strong demand from investors who applied for more than 100,000 shares. They received nothing from the allocation.

All those who applied for between the minimum of 400 shares and 1,500 shares received 200; those applying for between 2,000 and 5,000 will receive 250, between 6,000 and 10,000, 300; and between 15,000 and 35,000, 350.

Applications for more than 40,000 and less than 100,000 will receive 1 per cent of what they applied for.

Applications by employees and pensioners of BA will be met in full up to a maximum of 25,000 shares.

Talks behind 'stopping the Leyland cash drain'

Dutch may save Rover's day

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Asked why Leyland Trucks should be sold off without delay, Mr Graham Day, chairman of the Rover Group, said: "Our objective is to stop the cash drain."

With losses building up at the rate of more than £2 million a week, Mr Day is determined to secure a deal from either Daf of The Netherlands or Paccar of the US.

When he joined the troubled vehicle maker last May, the dust had only just settled on the Government's climbdown over plans to sell the truck maker and Land Rover to General Motors.

GM retreated from the negotiating table miffed and soon closed the British Bedford truck plants. All sides in the new merger talks though, will want to avoid a public argument over the rival bids.

Leyland's financial record is enough to frighten off all but the most determined rival. In 1985, it made a loss of £103 million as accumulated losses rose to £605 million. Mr Day has said that a difficult decision on which bid offered the best financial deal and job security was unlikely as there would be little difference between Daf and Paccar on this basis.

There have been no clues to the nature of the rival bids but Mr Day stressed that a very flexible approach had been adopted, indicating that the truck operation could not be sold as a neat package.

What the predators are interested in is a modern range of trucks launched between 1980 and 1984 and an up-to-date assembly hall at Leyland. On the sideline is the profitable Freight Rover van and light truck maker. Paccar was surprised when asked if it was interested in Freight Rover as part of a Leyland deal. There have been reports that Daf would buy the Birmingham factory as it already sells Shernas on the Continent.

Daf agreed to sell the lightweight Leyland Roadrunner truck through its 600 Continental dealers.

For the past two years, the two companies have worked closely together as the Dutch engineers evaluated and requested improvements to the Roadrunner. The deal suits Daf and draws on what Mr Day sees as Leyland's strengths — its lightweight trucks.

Daf has set up joint study groups with Leyland but the heavier Leyland Freighter and Roadtrain trucks look most under threat in a Daf takeover. Daf is already among the top four heavyweight truck manufacturers in Europe.

The rival Paccar camp admits that Daf leads in the negotiating, although it has offered the important carrot of selling up to 3,000 Roadrunners through its US dealers.

For the Americans, buying Leyland would provide the basis for a steady attack on Europe and important access to African and Middle-Eastern markets.

What Leyland Trucks needs more than anything are stronger sales on the Continent to ease its unhealthy dependence on the British market. Daf can deliver this but Paccar can only offer US sales in perhaps two or three years' time when the Leyland trucks have been re-engineered for the North American market.

How Leyland survives in the short term is of grave concern to the Rover Group. Mr Day may well decide that growth on the Continent has much less risk for Leyland than a belated début in the American market and so the Dutch could soon be moving into Leyland.

● An announcement by Group Lotus on where it plans to build the factory which will make its new sports car has been delayed until the middle of next month.

Sir Ian MacGregor: is his name being used to concentrate the board's mind?

MacGregor floated for Eurotunnel job

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

Sir Ian MacGregor, the former chairman of British Coal and British Steel, is among names being considered by Eurotunnel board members as a possible successor to Lord Pennock as joint chairman of the troubled consortium.

Although a controversial figure, Sir Ian is a firm supporter of a fixed link. As chairman of British Steel, he was one of the main architects behind the rival Euroroute proposal and was its chairman until the end of 1984.

Eurotunnel now accepts that it must urgently clarify the position of Lord Pennock and Sir Nigel Broackes to avoid further damage to the £4.7 billion project.

The Bank of England has become increasingly worried about progress at Eurotunnel and the board has stepped up its search for a replacement for Lord Pennock. Sir John Harvey-Jones, who is about to step down as chairman of ICI, was approached but declined. Sir Jeffrey Sterling, chairman of P&O which owns European Ferries, has also been suggested, despite the obvious conflict of interest.

Sources close to the board agreed yesterday that the timescale for sorting out the crisis was very short. "It has got to be done very quickly," said one board member. The next full meeting of the joint board is on February 20.

Sir Ian, who left British Coal last September, could be immediately available and supporters would see him as bringing financial credibility to the group in the run-up to the £750 million international share offer in July.

Against him would be his age and American citizenship. At 74, he is eight years older than Lord Pennock. His name may have been put forward to concentrate the minds of the board.

Still in the balance is the position of Sir Nigel, once the presumed successor to Lord Pennock. Sir Nigel agreed last week not to resign as a non-executive director of Eurotunnel and would probably stay in if he felt he could work with the new man.

EEC chief in G5 talks call

Mr Mark Eyskens, the Belgian finance minister and new chairman of the EEC finance council, has added his voice to calls for an early meeting of the Group of Five.

Mr Eyskens said agreement on stabilizing the dollar was an important preliminary to strengthening the European Monetary System.

"If agreement could be reached between the Western nations on the level of the dollar, for example at 1.8 to the mark, below which a floor level would be defended, the international financial markets would be much calmer

'Most Tory MPs favour big cuts in top tax rates'

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The Chancellor has been told that a majority of Conservative MPs are now strongly in favour of making large cuts in the top rates of income tax.

Pre-Budget soundings reveal a heavy swing in opinion among the Government's supporters in Parliament who in previous years have mostly thought cutting top rates to be politically impossible.

Two factors have influenced this turnround. One is the steep cut in the top rate in the US from 50 per cent to 28 per cent and the need to prevent a new brain drain. The other is the increase in the proportion of tax contributed by the top income groups since top rates were cut in 1979. The proportion of income tax contributed by the top 5 per cent of earners has risen since 1978-79 from 24 per cent to 26.5 per cent.

Many Tory MPs, however, while approving a cut in top rates in principle, believe that this is not the year in which to do it. The preference is generally for a steady-as-she-goes Budget which does not take too many risks.

MPs on the government side want the Chancellor to give tax cuts priority but many want him, if possible, to cut the public sector borrowing requirement as well. Opinion is roughly equally divided between those who want him to devote the whole of any fiscal adjustment to cutting taxes and those who favour smaller tax cuts plus a cut in the PSBR.

The views of backbenchers are one of the important factors which Mr Nigel Lawson will take into account in framing his Budget on March 17.

More backbenchers now favour a cut in the basic rate after the success of last year's 1p off, which was generally popular and is seen on the Tory benches as having put Labour on the defensive, forcing Opposition MPs to vote against tax cuts. There is still a sizeable lobby for increases in allowances rather than a cut in the rate, but the heat has gone out of that argument.

A small number of Tory MPs, including Mr Tim Yeo, secretary of the Conservative backbench finance committee, are arguing for cuts in national insurance contributions rather than cuts in income tax. They believe this would target relief more closely on those most in need and would have the political advantage of being more difficult for the Opposition parties to vote against.

Mr Nigel Forman, the committee's vice-chairman, is the most prominent proponent of increasing tax relief on employee share schemes. He wants tax relief to be extended to banks lending money to finance share schemes as well as to companies offering them.

Backbench support for profit-sharing is almost universal but no clearly defined view has emerged about whether it should be encouraged by tax relief

MPs are not in favour of a further cut in stamp duty which the City wants.

Engineers expect 4% more work

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Leaders of Britain's civil engineering industry claimed today that months of government lobbying were beginning to bear fruit and that the industry was facing a more stable and optimistic future.

The industry says that extra spending on the infrastructure will mean an increase of about 3-4 per cent on its workload in the next few years.

The big construction companies are particularly pleased about the additional spending earmarked for the road programme. While much of the spending is determined by local authorities and may be deferred, the industry believes that enough will take place to give a much-needed boost.

Mr Ron Emery, director general of the Federation of Civil Engineering Contractors, which has been reporting stagnant or declining order books, said: "The worst appears to be over. Civil engineering hopefully is facing an upturn."

The decision to allow water authorities to spend an additional £400 million on cleaning beaches by building more sewage works and long-fall sea outlets was welcomed, although there was still a fear, said Mr Emery, that this might be at the expense of other projects.

The decision to proceed with the Sizewell nuclear power station was also welcomed, but the federation remains circumspect about a long-term improvement in capital spending.

"As has been shown in the past, capital budgets can be most vulnerable to cuts when governments are unable to achieve other objectives in their spending plans."

The federation's latest workload survey shows that 75 per cent of companies have a similar or better order book than six months ago, compared with 62 per cent in the October survey. But almost one in 10 civil engineering firms are still without work on their books.

Firms with fewer than 100 workers report improvements in value and volume but the big companies are in a worse position than a year ago.

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USM REVIEW

Herbert Woods boat group ready to float

The third tier market is now two weeks old and shows every signs of growing in popularity and size with those fledgling businesses whose ambition is a full listing on the stock market.

But one company which has decided against joining the third tier is **Herbert Woods Group**, which owns and rents holiday boats on the Norfolk Broads. The group is already listed on the over-the-counter market, but is now being groomed by its financial advisers for an introduction to the USM. Details of its flotation are expected to be announced next month and this *follows its recent acquisition* of **Caister Holidays**, the east coast leisure group. The listing is expected to be accompanied with a forecast of pretax profits for the curent year of £250.000.

Meanwhile, Ms Debbie Moore's **Pineapple Group**, the dance studio and marketing specialist, made a welcome return to the USM last week after announcing details of its proposed acquisition of **Promotion Pens**, the promotional products group, for £7.4 million. The shares were suspended on New Year's Eve at 72p and returned to market on Wednesday 20p higher at 92p. They ended the week at 88p with the market expressing its satisfaction at the deal which is expected to add grist to the group's recovery programme.

Capel Cure-Myers, the broker, has been quick off the mark and forecast record pretax profits of £1.2 million for the current year. That compares with a loss last time of £93.000.

To finance the issue, Pineapple is placing 5.33 million new shares at 75p raising £4 million. The balance of £3.4 million will be satisfied by the issue of 3.41 million of 7 per cent convertible redeemable preference shares of £1 each.

It takes the total value of acquisitions made by Pineapple in the past three months to over £10 million. In November, it paid £3 million for **Golden Key** promotions.

The acquisition of Promotion Pen marks the next stage in the restructuring of Pineapple by Mr Peter Bain, deputy chairman, who joined the company in June 1985 after resigning from Mr Michael Ashcroft's much larger Hawley Group.

Mr Bain was quick to realise the potential marketability of the Pineapple name, but found the task of chanelling it into suitable avenues much more of a challenge. Marketing is certainly the name of the game these days at Pineapple and should provide the bulk of profits in years to come. But it looks as though there is still a place for the dance studios which shot the group to fame at the start of the health-fitness boom.

Another group on the acquisition trail last week was **Eadie Holdings**, the wire and machine accessories group, which ended the week on a high note equalling its high of 58p. The group has just paid £157.500 for Scottish-based **Hewett & Crabtree**, a privately owned company which specializes in rolling and drawing shaped wire, supplies components for security locks, pollution control material for power stations and even makes rail sections for model railways.

Eadie, which came to market last May at 39p, is issuing 337.595 shares to help finance this latest acquisition. Just recently it paid £42.000 for another private company **Resistance Wires** of Manchester. These acquisitions will boost turnover in its wire division to nearly £6 million.

Eadie recently confirmed it was on target to meet its earlier profits forecast of £450.000 pretax.

In his latest survey of the USM, *Mr Andrew Holland*, analyst at County Securities, has taken a look at 23 USM companies. Top of his list of recommendations are **Bluebird Toys**, the children's toys manufacturer, and **Mrs Fields**, the cookie retailer. Bluebird closed on Friday at 338p — just a couple of pence below its peak — but, according to Mr Holland, is still good value for money. He sees 1987 as big year for the £1 billion toy industry with **Boots**, **Toys 'R' Us**, **Woolworth** and **Hamleys** all planning to open new stores or out-of-town superstores.

The US-based Mrs Fields also came within a whisker of its high as the price rose 5p to 153p on Friday. But Mr Holland is convinced the shares are worth nearer 200p. He was sceptical of the group's ability, but changed his mind after a visit to its Utah headquarters. He says the company is well run and overdue for a re-rating.

Dipre sweeps in to tempt Adam to future profits

The loss-making manufacturer and distributor of toys, games and electronic goods, **Adam Leisure**, returns to the USM tomorrow — a very different company to the one that was suspended a little more than two months ago.

Since its suspension at 15p a share on December 2, it has made a reverse takeover of privately-owned electrical distributor **Hawthorn Leslie**, its senior management has been changed, its name is to be changed to Hawthorn Leslie, 13.4 million new shares have been issued at 8.5p to raise £1.1 million of new capital and the listing of the shares is being moved from the "leisure" sector to "industrials".

The company's merchant bank adviser, Hill Samuel, expects the shares to return to the market at about 10p.

The chairman of the new combined group is Italian-born Mr Remo Dipre, aged 52, who emigrated to this country 30 years ago to marry an English girl. He aims to turn the new Adam division of Hawthorn round to break-even point by the company's year-end in August — with a profit forecast of £1.5 million from the Hawthorn side — and he has also set August as the probable month for the company's graduation to a full quote.

Remo Dipre: will wave the wand over Adam Leisure

Adam, which was floated on the USM in 1983, made a profit of £3 million that year but has not done as well more recently. In 1985, it lost £877.000 and last year it lost £950.000.

Mr Dipre is certainly capable of turning the company around. Hawthorn Leslie was also losing money when he bought it via his private investment company, Starwest, in 1982. It had losses of £15.000 when he took control but now returns a profit.

Mr Dipre, who will speak for 85 per cent of the new, enlarged group, says: "We had been planning to take Hawthorn to a full listing in December 1986, but then we were introduced to Adam and because the companies were such a good fit, we decided to merge with them instead. The two companies will be run independently. I will sit on both boards but each company will have its own managing director and, by and large, I will leave them to get on with the job."

If Hawthorn makes it to a full listing, it will not be the first of Mr Dipre's companies to do so. In September 1985 he floated off his Surrey-based quality housebuilder, **Fairbriar Homes**. Although its shares did not make a sparkling entry, falling below their 120p offer price to 100p at one stage, they have now recovered to 158p — up 2p on Friday and within 4p of their peak.

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Employee share plan at Roadchef

By Anne Warden

Roadchef, the motorway service company, is introducing an employee share-ownership plan (ESOP) along American lines which is thought to be the first of its kind in Britain.

The plan will work through a trust, which will hold shares initially but "drip-feed" them to employees over a number of years, giving them direct ownership, and so spreading rewards further among staff than do British schemes already in place, the company and the plan's devisers say. The scheme has been developed with the help of New Bridge Street Consultants and Unity Trust.

Britain has an estimated 1.500 Inland Revenue-approved all-employee share schemes, all with direct ownership of shares.

Criticism of American schemes has centred on the use of trusts as tax instruments or as a means of spreading risk in case of business failure and giving employees only indirect ownership of shares.

Mr Tim Ingram Hill, Roadchef's managing director, said the British company's plan also differed from the American model in that its shares will be allocated free, whereas American employees in all the plans he and colleagues had studied had to buy their shares.

The aim is to give Roadchef's employees a tax-free sum at retirement, realizable by selling the shares back to the trust.

The company, based in Gloucester, was bought out by the management from Lindley Catering Investments three-and-a-half years ago. It now has an annual turnover of £45 million and has been seeking a suitable way of spreading equity among its 700 staff, Mr Ingram Hill said. Originally shares were held by about 40 managers.

The first allocation, to employees with at least three years' service, is to be made in April this year. Shares now valued at £650.000 will be allocated during the next five years.

Beer tax beats inflation despite relief

Beer production stayed flat last year while the rising tax on a pint and the growing lager business combined to keep brewers gloomy.

The 36.319.895 bulk barrels brewed in 1986 were 0.4 per cent down on the previous year's figure of 36.452.217, the Brewers' Society said, though production for December, 2.740.245 barrels, was up 6.4 per cent over the same period.

Meanwhile, beer taxation, measured over the past seven years, has been rising faster than inflation, even though there was no increase in last year's Budget, the society said. Tariffs on wines and spirits had been rising at much slower rates, it added.

Mr Anthony Fuller, the society's chairman, has asked the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, not to raise beer taxes this year.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 11
Finance House 11½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 11 Low 9½
Week fixed: 10¼

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 mnth	10[illegible]	2 mnth	10[illegible]
3 mnth	10[illegible]	3 mnth	10[illegible]

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 10[illegible]-10[illegible] 2 mnth 10[illegible]-10[illegible]
3 mnth 10[illegible]-10⅝ 6 mnth 10[illegible]-10⅝

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 11[illegible] 2 mnth 11⅛
3 mnth 11[illegible] 6 mnth 11[illegible]

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 11½ close 11
1 week 11⅛-11[illegible] 6 mnth 10[illegible]-10[illegible]
1 mnth 11⅛-11[illegible] 9 mnth 10[illegible]-10⅝
3 mnth 10[illegible]-10[illegible] 12 mth 10[illegible]-10⅝

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 10¾ 7 days 10¾
1 mnth 10¾ 3 mnth 10⅝
6 mnth 10½ 12 mth 10½

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 11¼-11 2 mnth 11¼-11
3 mnth 11-10¾ 6 mnth 11-10¾
9 mnth 10¾-10½ 12 mth 10¾-10½

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 11[illegible]-11 3 mnth 10[illegible]-10[illegible]
6 mnth 10⅝-10½ 12 mth 10½-10⅜

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 6.20-6.15 3 mnth 6.20-6.15
6 mnth 6.20-6.15 12 mth 6.20-6.15

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	6½-5½
7 days	5⅞-6[illegible]	1 mnth	6⅛-6
3 mnth	6¼-6⅛	6 mnth	6¼-6⅛
Deutschmark		call	4¼-5¼
7 days	4[illegible]-3[illegible]	1 mnth	4[illegible]-3[illegible]
3 mnth	4⅛-4	6 mnth	4⅛-4
French Franc		call	9-8
7 days	8½-8¼	1 mnth	8¾-8⅝
3 mnth	8⅞-8⅝	6 mnth	8⅞-8⅝
Swiss Franc		call	2⅛-1⅛
7 days	1⅝-1⅜	1 mnth	3[illegible]-3[illegible]
3 mnth	3½-3⅜	6 mnth	3⅝-3½
Yen		call	5-4
7 days	4[illegible]-4[illegible]	1 mnth	4¼-4⅛
3 mnth	4[illegible]-4[illegible]	6 mnth	4⅛-4

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Gold:$403.00-407.00
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat): $ 404.00-407.00 (£267.50-269.00)
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Platinum $ 520.25 (£345.35)
Silver $ 5.5400-5.5600 (£3.6700-3.6850)

TREASURY BILLS

Applcts: £530.1M	alloted: £100M
Bids: £97.415%	received: 94%
Last week: £97.365%	received: 28%
Avge rate: £10.3654%	last wk £10.5618%
Next week: £100M	replace £100M

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range February 6	Market rates close February 6	1 month	3 months
N York	1.5060-1.5110	1.5080-1.5095	0.58-0.55prem	1.73-1.68prem
Montreal	2.0090-2.0210	2.0132-2.0167	0.55-0.51prem	1.65-1.57prem
Ams dam	3.1532-3.1718	3.1532-3.1594	1½-1¼prem	4⅝-4½prem
Brussels	57.76-58.16	57.83-57.96	15-11prem	43-35prem
C phgen	10.5556-10.6505	10.5681-10.5937	⅛prem-⅛dis	1-⅜prem
Dublin	1.0449-1.0543	1.0466-1.0476	11-22dis	60-77dis
Frankfurt	2.7959-2.8115	2.7966-2.8024	1⅝-1½prem	4⅝-4½prem
Lisbon	210.31-216.99	216.02-216.93	112-221dis	240-471dis
Madrid	194.94-197.26	196.34-196.99	16-47dis	60-98dis
Milan	1986.41-2001.58	1989.05-1995.56	2prem-1dis	3prem-par
Oslo	10.6760-10.7400	10.6902-10.7159	2¾-3⅝dis	9⅝-10½dis
Paris	9.3108-9.3630	9.3232-9.3431	1¾-1⅝prem	4¾-4⅝prem
St'khlm	9.9080-9.9601	9.9136-9.9340	⅛prem-¼dis	1⅛-⅞prem
Tokyo	232.45-233.22	232.53-232.98	1¾-1⅝prem	3⅞-3¾prem
Vienna	19.47-19.75	19.71-19.75	9⅜-8⅝prem	28¾-26½prem
Zurich	2.3585-2.3728	2.3585-2.3640	1⅝-1½prem	4½-4prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 68.8 (day's range 68.8-69.0).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.0188-2.0263
Australia dollar	2.2501-2.2534
Bahrain dinar	0.5655-0.5695
Brazil cruzado*	25.4926-25.6377
Cyprus pound	0.7400-0.7500
Finland marka	6.9330-6.9730
Greece drachma	203.80-205.80
Hong Kong dollar	11.740-11.752
India rupee	19.80-20.00
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4165-0.4205
Malaysia dollar	3.8322-3.8379
Mexico peso	1023.30-1038.30
New Zealand dollar	2.7528-2.7598
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.5270-5.6670
Singapore dollar	3.2314-3.2367
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4465-6.5918
S Africa rand (com)	3.1403-3.1557
U A E dirham	5.5100-5.5500

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4400-1.4450
Singapore	2.1460-2.1480
Malaysia	2.5450-2.5470
Australia	0.6692-0.6697
Canada	1.3335-1.3345
Sweden	6.5900-6.5950
Norway	7.0950-7.1050
Denmark	7.0275-7.0325
West Germany	1.8560-1.8575
Switzerland	1.5675-1.5690
Netherlands	2.0930-2.0950
France	6.1800-6.1900
Japan	154.40-154.50
Italy	1318.0-1320.0
Belgium(Comm)	38.35-38.45
Hong Kong	7.7970-7.7990
Portugal	143.40-143.90
Spain	130.20-130.50
Austria	13.03-13.06

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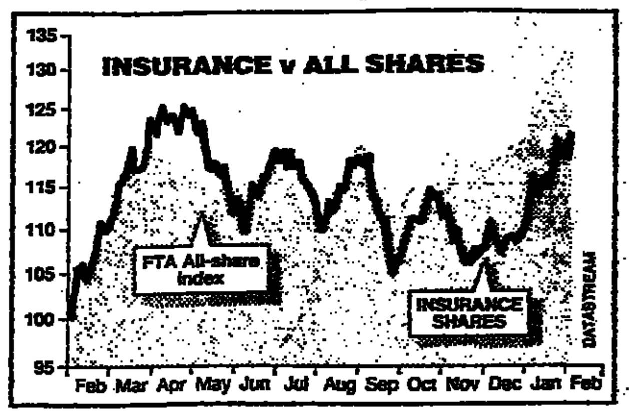
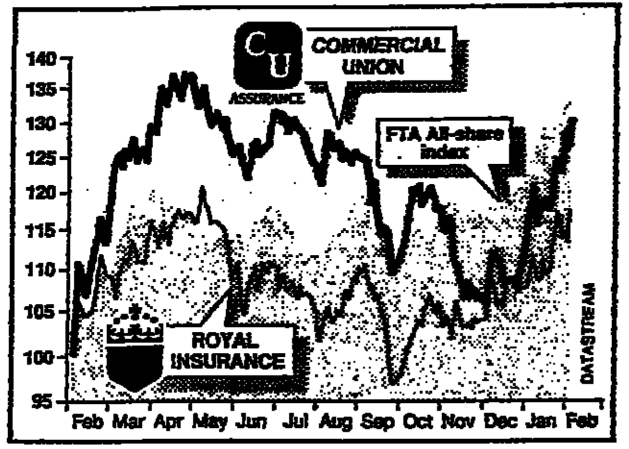
ANALYSIS

Insurers head back to peak after seven-year hitch





Pretax profits	1985 profits	1986 estimates by stockbrokers			
	£	Morgan Grenfell £	Wood Mack £	Laing & Crshnk £	James Capel £
Royal Insurance	41.4m	290m	290m	277m	268m
Commercial Union	(58.8m)	112m	115.8m	107m	115m
General Accident	26.5m	128m	125m	123m	121m
Gdn Royal Exch	3.5m	145m	150m	135m	146m
Sun Alliance	37.7m	135m	145m	131m	138m

The composite insurers' 1986 reporting season kicks off with Royal Insurance's results on February 26. The signs are for a bumper year after a biblical seven lean years.

Stockbroking analysts have been busily upgrading their profit forecasts after a fourth quarter free from weather catastrophes worldwide. The outlook on the dividend front is also encouraging, with expectations for average dividend growth of about 18 per cent. Buoyant stock markets worldwide, combined with low inflation, will have boosted asset backing significantly.

There are factors which could dampen rather than spoil the party. Claims frequency on the British motor account rose yet again in the fourth quarter. There is also a possibility that insurers will have boosted reserves in the US ahead of reductions in the level of tax relief available, which came into force at the start of this year.

Profits, however, are finally expected to break through levels reached in 1978, the last fat year. The exception is Commercial Union where profits are not expected to have climbed back to their previous peak of £137.6 million, reached in 1979.

Against such a bullish background the sector's underperformance since summer appears contrary. It has been caused by fears of the next downturn in the insurance cycle, particularly fears that the American market is about to weaken again.

The worries appear to be overdone and although no one is predicting seven fat years will follow seven lean ones, City analysts reckon the upswing has further to go.

Royal Insurance has given one of the clearest indications of continued confidence. It expects to produce dividend growth of 15 per cent a year for the next five years.

The pace of its recovery last year will have been the most spectacular, after a huge turnaround in its American business, yet its shares have underperformed the FT All Share index for most of the last year. As the largest company in the sector, it is most vulnerable to market fears.

Rate rises in the US undoubtedly eased last year — commercial multi-peril rates were 39 per cent higher in the third quarter against 50 per cent in the second and 58 per cent in the first — but the cumulative effect of continuous rate rises since July 1984 have left insurers in a much more comfortable position.

There is also recovery to come in America on workers' compensation and personal insurance business. Royal and General Accident would both be major beneficiaries.

The market's obsession with America is distorting. Guardian Royal Exchange and Sun Alliance have less than 10 per cent of their total insurance premiums coming from non-life American insurance. Rate increases elsewhere in the world also have further to go, particularly on British motor, commercial and household lines and Canadian and Australian insurance.

The whole issue of the next downturn is in some ways misconceived as the economic environment has changed radically. The period between 1975 and 1977 showed several similarities with the present — rapidly rising yield premiums to the market and burgeoning profits, strong stock markets and slowing rate increases.

However, the yield premium was more a result of trying to entice investors to take up a series of heavy rights issues than underlying strength. Weak solvency margins — free capital to premiums written — after the 1974 stock market collapse forced the composites to issue lots of paper. High inflation was also ravaging their balance sheets.

Balance sheets today are strong, after a period of low inflation, and solvency margins range from adequate to rock solid in the case of GA.

The last down cycle was long and vicious. Given the changed enviroment, there is no reason to believe it will happen again.

The next downswing is expected to be shorter and shallower. Rate rises are expected to tail off by 1988, but there could well be a lull before capacity returns. It is also unlikely to return on the scale of the early 1980s when high interest rates made underwriting for cash flow attractive.

The bottom of the next downswing could be reached in about 1992. In the meantime, profits will continue to roll in. Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker, forecasts Royal Insurance's pretax profits will rise to £490 million this year, £620 million in 1988 and peak at £670 million in 1989.

Alison Eadie

Brokers at odds on best buy

Stockbrokers have different ideas on the best buys in the sector.

Wood Mackenzie reckons investors are looking a gift horse in the mouth and recommends Royal Insurance, Guardian Royal Exchange and Sun Alliance.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd reckons Royal, Sun Alliance and General Accident present short-term buying opportunities. However, long term it is recommending reducing weightings on any bout of share-price strength. The one exception is Commercial Union, whose discount to the sector makes it attractive.

Morgan Grenfell Securities rates CU the best buy, because of its discount, and says sell Royal. It believes that of the opposing forces of strong short-term profits recovery and deteriorating medium-term prospects, the latter will out.

Alexanders, Laing & Cruickshank favours GA and turns its nose up at Sun Alliance. It sees the shares as trading vehicles over the next six months because of market pessimism.

James Capel remains very positive about the sector and recommends CU, GA and Sun Alliance.

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10. For the purposes of the preceding paragraphs, persons are not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom if they are regarded as not ordinarily resident for the purposes of United Kingdom income tax.

11. Applications for exemption from United Kingdom income tax should, in the case of interest on stock, be made in such form as may be required by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue. Bearer bond coupons will be paid without deduction of United Kingdom income tax if accompanied by a declaration of ownership in such form as may be required by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue. The appropriate forms may be obtained from the Inspector of Foreign Dividends, Inland Revenue, Lynwood Road, Thames Ditton, Surrey, KT7 0DP.

12. These exemptions will not entitle a person to claim repayment of tax deducted from interest unless the claim to such repayment is made within the time limit provided for such claims under income tax law; under the provisions of the Taxes Management Act 1970, Section 43(1), no such claim will be outside this time limit if it is made within six years from the date on which the interest is payable. In addition, these exemptions will not apply so as to exclude the interest from any computation for taxation purposes of the profits of any trade or business carried on in the United Kingdom. Moreover, the allowance of the exemptions is subject to the provisions of any law, present or future, of the United Kingdom directed to preventing avoidance of taxation by persons domiciled, resident or ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom, and, in particular, the interest will not be exempt from income tax where, under any such provision, it falls to be treated for the purpose of the Income Tax Acts as income of any person resident or ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom.

13. Tenders must be lodged at the Bank of England, New Issues (O), Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA not later than 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY 1987, or at any of the Branches of the Bank of England or at the Glasgow Agency of the Bank of England not later than 3.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY 1987. Tenders will not be revocable between 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 11th February 1987 and 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 16th February 1987.

14. Each tender must be for one amount and at one price. The minimum price, below which tenders will not be accepted, is £94.50 per cent. Tenders must be made at the minimum price or at higher prices which are multiples of 5p. Tenders lodged without a price being stated will be deemed to have been made at the minimum price.

15. A separate cheque representing a deposit at the rate of £25.00 for every £100 of the NOMINAL amount of the Loan tendered for must accompany each tender; cheques must be drawn on a bank in, and be payable in, the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

16. Tenders must be for a minimum of £100 of the Loan and for multiples of the Loan as follows:—

Amount of the Loan tendered for	*Multiple*
£100—£1,000	£100
£1,000—£3,000	£500
£3,000—£10,000	£1,000
£10,000—£50,000	£5,000
£50,000 or greater	£25,000

17. Her Majesty's Treasury reserve the right to reject any tender or part of any tender and may therefore allot to tenderers less than the full amount of the Loan. Tenders will be ranked in descending order of price and allotments will be made to tenderers whose tenders are at or above the lowest price at which Her Majesty's Treasury decide that any tender should be accepted (the allotment price), which will be not less than the minimum tender price. All allotments will be made at the allotment price: tenders which are accepted and which are made at prices above the allotment price will be allotted in full; tenders made at the allotment price may be allotted in full or in part only. Any balance of the Loan not allotted to tenderers will be allotted at the allotment price to the Governor and Company of the Bank of England, Issue Department.

18. Letters of allotment in respect of the amount of the Loan allotted, being the only form in which the Loan (other than amounts held in the Central Gilts Office Service for the account of members) may be transferred prior to registration, will be despatched by post at the risk of the tenderer, but the despatch of any letter of allotment and any refund of the balance of the amount paid as deposit, may at the discretion of the Bank of England be withheld until the tenderer's cheque has been paid. In the event of such withholding, the tenderer will be notified by letter by the Bank of England of the acceptance of his tender and of the amount of the Loan allocated to him, subject in each case to payment of his cheque, but such notification will confer no right on the tenderer to transfer the amount of the Loan so allocated.

19. No allotment will be made for a less amount than £100 of the Loan. In the event of partial allotment, the balance of the amount paid as deposit will, when refunded, be remitted by cheque despatched by post at the risk of the tenderer; if no allotment is made the amount paid as deposit will be returned likewise. Payment in full may be made at any time after allotment but no discount will be allowed on such payment. Interest may be charged on a day-to-day basis on any overdue amount which may be accepted at a rate equal to the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate for seven day deposits in sterling ("LIBOR") plus 1 per cent per annum. Such rate will be determined by the Bank of England by reference to market quotations, on the due date for the relevant payment, for LIBOR obtained from such source or sources as the Bank of England shall consider appropriate. Default in due payment of any amount in respect of the Loan will render the allotment of such Loan liable to cancellation and any amount previously paid liable to forfeiture.

20. Letters of allotment may be split into denominations of multiples of £100 on written request received by the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA on any date not later than 2nd April 1987. Such requests must be signed and must be accompanied by the letters of allotment.

21. Members of the Central Gilts Office Service may, subject to the provisions of the agreement governing their membership of that Service, surrender a partly-paid letter of allotment to the Central Gilts Office for cancellation and for the amount of the Loan comprised therein to be credited to the member's account. The member who is shown by the accounts of the Central Gilts Office as being entitled to any amount of the Loan shall, to the exclusion of all persons previously entitled to such Loan and any person claiming any entitlement thereto, both be treated as entitled to such Loan as if that member were the holder of a letter of allotment and be liable for the payment of any amount due in respect of such Loan. A member will be entitled at any time prior to registration to withdraw, in multiples of £100, amounts of the Loan credited to the member's account and to obtain a partly-paid letter of allotment comprising such Loan, and such member shall be liable for the payment of all amounts becoming due thereafter in respect of such Loan unless and until that letter of allotment is surrendered to the Central Gilts Office for cancellation as aforesaid.

22. Letters of allotment must be surrendered for registration, accompanied by a completed registration form, when the balance of the purchase money is paid, unless payment in full has been made before the due date, in which case they must be surrendered for registration not later than 6th April 1987; registration of amounts of the Loan held for the account of members of the Central Gilts Office Service will be effected under separate arrangements.

23. Tender forms and copies of this prospectus may be obtained at the Bank of England, New Issues, Watling Street, London, EC4M 9AA, or at any of the Branches of the Bank of England, or at the Glasgow Agency of the Bank of England, at the Bank of Ireland, Moyne Buildings, 1st Floor, 20 Callender Street, Belfast, BT1 5BN; or at any office of The Stock Exchange in the United Kingdom.

Government statement
Attention is drawn to the statement issued by Her Majesty's Treasury on 29th May 1985 which explained that, in the interest of the orderly conduct of fiscal policy, neither Her Majesty's Government nor the Bank of England or their respective servants or agents undertake to disclose tax changes decided on but not yet announced, even where they may specifically affect the terms on which, or the conditions under which, this Loan is issued or sold by or on behalf of the Government or the Bank; that no responsibility can therefore be accepted for any omission to make such disclosure; and that such omission shall neither render any transaction liable to be set aside nor give rise to any claim for compensation.

BANK OF ENGLAND
LONDON

6th February 1987

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ISSUE OF £1,000,000,000

9 per cent Treasury Loan, 2008

MINIMUM TENDER PRICE £94.50 PER CENT

TO THE GOVERNOR AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF ENGLAND

I/We tender in accordance with the terms of the prospectus dated 6th February 1987 as follows:—

Amount of the above-mentioned Loan tendered for, being a minimum of £100 and in a multiple as follows:—

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£100—£1,000	£100
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1. NOMINAL AMOUNT OF THE LOAN £

Amount of deposit enclosed, being £25.00 for every £100 of the NOMINAL amount of the Loan tendered for (shown in Box 1 above):—

2. AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT (a) £

The price tendered per £100 of the Loan, being a multiple of 5p and not less than the minimum tender price of £94.50:—

3. TENDER PRICE (b) £ : p

I/We hereby engage to pay the balance of the purchase money when it becomes due on any allotment that may be made in respect of this tender, as provided by the said prospectus.

I/We request that any letter of allotment in respect of the amount of the Loan allotted to me/us be sent by post at my/our risk to me/us at the address shown below.

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a A separate cheque must accompany each tender. Cheques should be made payable to "Bank of England" and crossed "New Issues". Cheques must be drawn on a bank in, and be payable in, the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

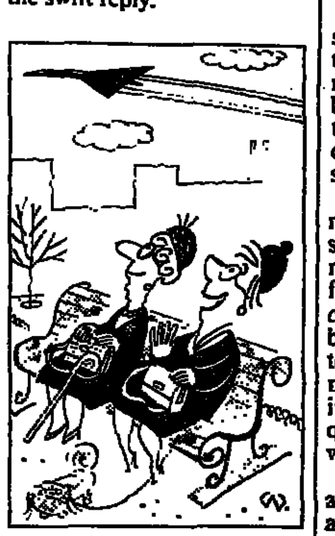
Trust in Hanson

Tales are still filtering out about the brief and far-from-happy period last year when Lord Hanson's Hanson Trust owned Courage, the brewer. Gossiping with brewing analysts at a City presentation the other day, Australian John Elliott, who bought Courage from Hanson for £1.4 billion in September, confided that his predecessor had gone further than just ordering the historic collection of Courage family oil paintings to be valued – transferring two of the portraits to the Hanson headquarters in the process.

He described how the canny Yorkshireman went into a director's office and demanded to know the value of a set of 12 prints hanging on the wall.

"About £100 each but perhaps £2,000 for the set," he was told, prompting an order from Hanson that they be sold at once. "No you don't," came the director's riposte, "they're mine and I'm taking them home."

Still not satisfied, the aspiring Arthur Negus inspected another office and found its occupant sitting behind an impressive desk. "Antique or reproduction?" Hanson queried. "Reproduction," came the swift reply.



"Mother! It's one of ours!"

Uncharted

Standard Chartered is a bank without a future and that's official. Its forward-planning department is being abolished less than a year after receiving assurances of increased support and resources. The economics department at its central office in Bishopsgate has also been axed. Cost-cutting exercises such as these have been going on since Standard defeated the hostile bid from Lloyds Bank last July – supposedly in an attempt to improve its pedestrian performance.

News of the latest cutbacks is likely to undermine staff morale further. In the last quarter of 1986, no fewer than 250 of the group's 5,000 British staff applied for voluntary redundancy.

● A visitor to the City admiring the new Lloyd's insurance building for the first time was heard to comment that it looked like a dairy. "Yes," replied his guide. "They've been milking it for years."

Fly on wall

What is really going on, I wonder, behind the discreet mahogany doors of Britain's most hallowed gentleman's clubs ? It is intriguing to note that Ernest Saunders, departed Guinness chief, Sir Jack Lyons, ex-adviser to management consultants Bain & Co and Lord Patrick Spens, former managing director of Henry Ansbacher, the merchant bank, are all members of the Carlton, one of the most conservative clubs in the capital.

Meanwhile down at the Royal Yacht Club in Southampton, Gerald Ronson, owner of the giant Heron Corporation which has just returned £5.8 million to Guinness, is a member, as is Christopher Reeves, who resigned as chairman and chief executive of Morgan Grenfell in the wake of the Guinness scandal.

Video nasty

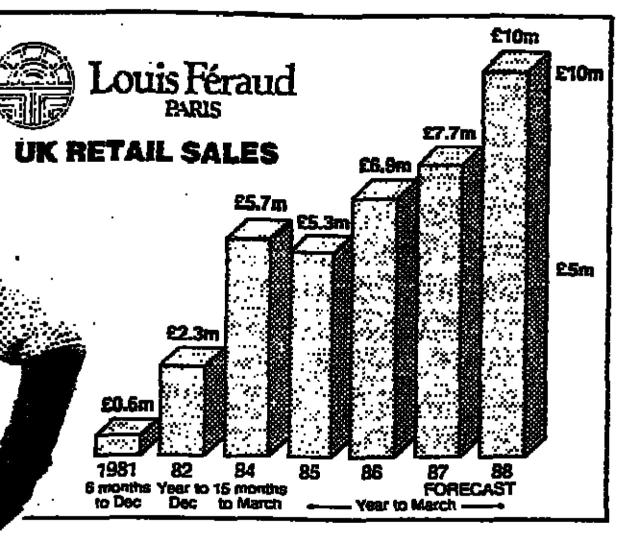
You were bored with the speeches, you fell asleep reading the book, now be captivated by the film. CIPFA (the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) has made a 20-minute video on this year's public spending white paper. The idea, to save people from ploughing through the Treasury's turgid prose and confusing tables, is a sound one.

But the producers of the video clearly had a casting problem. An actor with the qualities to capture the complexities of the Nigel Lawson character probably does not exist. So the video is presented by Brian Redhead.

Carol Leonard

Louis Féraud: a licence to design profits

A Spanish-style blouse, with slightly padded shoulders, fitted waist and smooth black skirt, designed by Louis Féraud and selling for about £315



Ms Joan Collins, star of the *Dynasty* television series, chose a Louis Féraud design when, as Alexis Colby, she stood in the dock on trial for murder. Ms Priscilla Presley, her *Dallas* counterpart, in the role of Jenna Wade, in court on a murder charge at the same time, also chose a Louis Féraud design to see her through her ordeal.

Louis Féraud is one of the top Paris fashion houses. But there is little profit to be made in *haute couture* these days. It is estimated that the market for individually designed clothes comprises only 3,000 women

Hence the growth of designer fashion, which satisfies the *couture* house's need to make money, while giving a broader spectrum of women the chance of owning, if not an original, a reasonably exclusive outfit.

The more copies a designer makes of any model dress or suit, the lower the price. The range of permutations is infinite, from the strictly one-off *couture* dress, which will cost between £8,000 and £10,000, to the chain store dress that makes no pretence at restricting numbers and where a good quality women's suit can cost well under £100.

Poised between the rarefied atmosphere of *haute couture* and the mass market is the world of designer fashion. The designers' ready-to-wear collections are aimed at the well-heeled woman and special occasion dressing from weddings to Ascot.

The marketing of such collections has to tread the tightrope between volume and exclusivity.

Few do this better than Louis Féraud Paris, owned equally by M Louis Féraud, whose main interests are *haute couture* and licensing, and Mr Lilo Fink who is responsible for ready-to-wear. In most parts of the world, they sell the clothes direct to stockists.

In Britain, however, the Louis Féraud label is licensed and has not always been equated with designer chic. Six years ago, its products were better known for being delivered late, badly made and over-priced. This was because the company that owned the licence used the label on its own manufactured clothes and not on the genuine Féraud article.

In 1981, this company and two other fashion firms were bought by the man responsible for resuscitating Féraud's name in Britain – Mr Robert de Keyser.

When he bought the companies they were all virtually bankrupt. He had very little money and paid £1 for one of the companies, £1,000 for another and nothing at all for the third.

"I nearly managed to save one of them, but out of the rump came the Louis Féraud licence," Mr de Keyser said.

Recognizing its potential value, he set about rehabilitating the Louis Féraud name in Britain. In the past few years, he has identified and exploited a niche for these well-made, well-designed clothes.

The outfits are not cheap, but at about £450 for a three-piece suit and blouse, they cost about half the price charged by many other *haute couture* houses for their ready-to-wear lines.

The difference is that Louis Féraud has aimed its products wholeheartedly at its chosen market. A single-minded pursuit of the chic, elegant woman aged 30-plus means that Féraud worldwide can now claim to be the biggest supplier of serious designer wear. The retail sales value for all Féraud designer wear tops $500 million (£330 million).

The company that comes closest in concept is probably the American designer, Calvin Klein. But he has largely confined his sales to his home territory, and in Europe, Mr de Keyser sees little real competition to Louis Féraud.

"Chanel and companies like it have only small sales in ladieswear," he said. "They have concentrated on licensing their names for use on perfumes and other branded luxury goods.

"Cardin may be the richest, but he will give his name to anything for 5 per cent, while Dior's ready-to-wear, apart from hosiery and menswear, is a disaster. They do not have enough good designers and are not sufficiently interested."

Mr de Keyser's success has attracted attention in the City and he has no shortage of merchant banks and stockbrokers trying to tempt him to bring his company, Argoross, to the market.

One obstacle he sees concerns the licence, for a fixed term, which expires in 1991. This licence was renegotiated in 1984, and the fact that he was allowed to keep it can be viewed as a vote of confidence from the Paris company.

Nevertheless, Argoross is still a one-product company, and furthermore, the licence stipulates that Mr de Keyser retains 52 per cent control. Even with these obstacles, there are still plenty of City folk who would underwrite an issue.

But Mr de Keyser is not looking for an exit; he has ambitious growth plans. From a standing start six years ago, he expects turnover to grow to £7.7 million for the year to March, and he projects a further rise to nearly £10 million in the following year.

He plans to double turnover to £20 million in another five years. "The first £10 million is the easiest," he conceded. For while the business has undoubtedly grown and prospered, turnover growth has been helped by price rises related in part to the collapse of sterling against the mark (all the clothes are imported from Germany).

Apart from price rises, turnover growth is projected to come from three main areas: exports mainly to the Far East and some of the Caribbean; broadening the product range to market other "better end consumer products;" and what Mr de Keyser calls "corporate dressing."

Corporate dressing means selling clothes in quantity to corporations. For example, instead of television personalities such as Ms Esther Rantzen (a big Féraud fan according to Mr de Keyser) buying their clothes from department stores, he plans to offer the television company a wardrobe of Féraud clothes at a discount.

He will also supply up-market "uniforms" such as long black dresses to casinos.

The threat remains that Louis Féraud may decide to operate the British market directly, as it does almost everywhere else. Such a prospect looks remote. But by the time the licence comes up for renewal, the company should be sufficiently diversified to be able to survive without it.

Carol Ferguson

COMMENT

Conspiracy against Europe's consumers

Nowhere is the creeping damage done by the European Economic Community's trade policies more clear than its attempts to keep out Japanese imports. It is, to start with, based on the false premise that, if the Community has a large trade deficit with Japan, this is somehow to the Community's disadvantage. As Adam Smith wrote with some anger in discussing just this issue two centuries ago, "nothing can be more absurd than this whole doctrine of the balance of trade". This has never been seriously challenged but still the fallacy is used to oblige European consumers to pay higher prices or buy inferior goods.

If the premise is wrong, the machinery to apply trade discrimination without infringing the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade is now piling folly upon folly. First there were Voluntary Export Restraints. These have the twin effect of obliging exporters to operate cartels and enabling them to make monopoly profits at the European consumer's expense.

More recently, the European Commission has been using the loophole provided by the anti-dumping clauses of Gatt. Dumping can certainly be a problem. The EEC is the world's worst offender, dumping food mountains regardless of cost and helping to put lower-cost producers out of business in the process.

Dumping is genuinely damaging because of its short-term nature. It is not a matter of competition but of spoiling the market and hence reducing the long-term supply to consumers.

Dumping is, however, now used as a euphemism for fierce, enduring competition. The verb "to trade" now conjugates: I compete, you dump. There is some legitimacy in it if imports are undercutting home producers at a loss to the exporter. But dumping is now being defined by protection officials by whatever particular form of price comparison is required to come up with the right answer. So, dumping orders were made against Japanese copier exporters last autumn even though they have had more than 80 per cent of the market for five years. In those circumstances, true dumping would be a suicidal policy for the exporters. Commission officials explained that increases in prices were far outweighed in importance by concern over the continued viability of home producers, several of which actually already act as importers.

Restraints and dumping orders can be justified by creating more jobs and investment within the Community. Japanese producers are encouraged to set up plants to assemble and ultimately manufacture the affected products within the Community – as at the Nissan plant in Sunderland.

This is a dubious net benefit. It still tends to reduce competition and negates the natural trade corrective of the yen rising against European currencies. But importing capital and expertise does offer a genuine trade-off. Now, however, the Commission's executive has spotted inward investment as a loophole in its anti-dumping actions. It is attempting to apply the penal duties to components where manufacturers subject to anti-dumping duties set up assembly plants taking more than 20 per cent of components from the original exporting country. This should catch virtually any inward investment, since they normally start with a high level of component imports and gradually work towards local sourcing.

Only potential difficulties for customs officials operating the new component duties appears to be holding up this new Commission initiative. But this must seem an added advantage for the protectionists. They will wistfully recall how the French held up video-recorder imports by routing them through an obscure understaffed customs post.

Britain has attracted more than its share of Japanese inward investment and clearly stands to suffer disproportionately from the latest Brussels wheeze. Only this weekend Epson, whose computer printers are subject to dumping complaints, made it clear that the new plant it has just announced at Telford, Shropshire, could be severely affected. In particular, it would probably have to review plans to build a wider range of products at the new plant.

If allowed to proceed, therefore, the Commission would not only have raised prices to consumers but also obliterated the trade-off of importing capital, expertise and jobs. Only the vested interests of existing producers would be served.

Perhaps the Commission's officials should be instructed to stop drawing up new trade restrictions for a few months in order to read *The Wealth of Nations*. For Brussels is re-creating the Mercantilist system which Adam Smith discredited for all time. As he wrote, "the interest of the producer ought to be attended to only so far as it may be necessary for promoting that of the consumer . . . But in the mercantile system, the interest of the consumer is almost constantly sacrificed to that of the producer; and it seems to consider production, and not consumption, as the ultimate end and object of all industry and commerce."

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Financial Editor

US NOTEBOOK

The 'spend and borrow' policy drifts on and on

American policy towards the economy and the dollar is best described as one of drift, waiting for more news that would justify a big policy switch by the Federal Reserve.

In the past week, a knee-jerk reaction by the currency dealers in response to some indications of better US economic growth – higher factory orders, higher January employment, a sharp rise in the index of leading indicators – provoked an improvement in the dollar.

The March rate for the mark, which had peaked at 56.34 on January 28 had fallen to 53.89 by February 6 – a drop of 4.3 in little more than a week. The March yen rate which had reached 66.34 (150.7) on January 28 had dropped to 64.78 (154) on February 6, down 2.3 from the peak. This strength in the "investment dollar", reflecting primarily improved capital inflows, would have helped to strengthen the case of the "wait-and-see" advocates in the Fed, those who are fearful of the consequences of moving to a tougher policy.

Frightened by increasing reports of a clash over dollar policy between the Federal Reserve Bank chairman, Mr Paul Volcker, and Mr James Baker, the Treasury Secretary, the Administration leaked a report on Thursday, stating that Mr Volcker and Mr Baker see eye to eye on the dollar, something that their respective statements and actions belie.

Meanwhile, the Federal Reserve continues its policy of steady but substantial increases in bank reserves, at a time when the banking system is floating on an ocean of liquidity and is certainly not enjoying strong demand for loans. This weak loan demand is helping to propel the banks to move aggressively to obtain junk-bond refinancing business and marked increases in their holdings of securities.

During the past year there has been a progressive acceleration of the adjusted monetary base (currency plus bank reserves) from a compound annual rate of increase of 7.3 in the first quarter of 1986 to 9.7 in the fourth quarter.

Baker and Volcker: confrontation, what confrontation?

This latter rate of increase has continued through January, as the Fed co-operates with the Administration's demand for continued economic expansion until November 1988, when President Reagan steps down. The resulting flood of unused bank cash is financing the speculative boom in stocks.

While the dollar drops, the Administration is fighting to subdue calls for protectionism in Congress and to achieve a 1987 Trade Bill that the President will not need to veto. Some progress appears to be occurring.

'No evidence that Reagan is demanding that Americans tighten belts'

All this is very nice but it leaves the big issues of fiscal chaos and monetary excess unresolved. It also appears that the Administration is preparing the nation for more large trade deficits this year.

The excuse now being proffered is that the US will enjoy stronger economic growth than Japan or West Germany this year, leading to a continuing record imports surplus.

The Administration's "policy" remains one of persisting in blaming the German and Japanese governments for their failure to follow America down the path of over-consumption. There is no evidence of the Reagan Administration demanding that Americans tighten belts.

Instead, the new tax law has been the occasion for a flood of advertising by banks, encouraging consumers to hock the equity in their homes for tax-deductible loans to support the boom in consumption.

These loans seek to continue the very high growth rate of consumer debt in a world where the only tax-deductible interest payments that remain are those on home loans – up to the level of the original cost of the home plus improvements.

After last year's spending boom in which personal consumption rose almost twice as fast as real GNP, there had been expectations that this year consumption spending growth would drop by about 50 per cent. Clearly, the Administration and the Fed are indicating they want a continuation of the rake's progress of spend and spend – borrow and borrow.

America's relentless search for a free lunch continues apace.

Maxwell Newton

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GILT-EDGED

Ten popular fallacies of current thinking

Readers may recall a best-selling book written in the 1960s by EJ Mishan entitled *21 Popular Economic Fallacies*. In this he sought to demolish a great deal of the conventional wisdom of the time. The following attempts to do the same in relation to current gilt market thinking.

1. Base rates are certain to be cut at the time of the Budget.

This belief, which contributed to last week's market rise, is certainly empirically well-founded. In each of the past six years there has been a base rate cut in the Budget's wake. Hardly surprising, therefore, that the same is being anticipated this year.

Unfortunately, there is a risk that such optimism will be disappointed. If the pound is still fragile, as well it might be, then the Chancellor may be disinclined to lower the protective guard afforded by 11 per cent base rates, especially if he has already delivered a politically popular tax-cutting package. And even if he does risk a cut, it will be confined to half a percentage point, not the full point for which many are hoping.

2. There will be an "early" (i.e. May/June) election.

This presumption, together with the presumption that a Tory majority will result, is already largely discounted by the gilt-edged market.

Everything does, in fact, point to an early election, except the opinion polls. Before Christmas, the Conservatives enjoyed a small lead. More recently, however, Labour has drawn level. There will have to be a huge swing to the Conservatives during the next few months before Mrs Thatcher will be convinced that the odds favour going early. Many are hoping that a "good" Budget next month will produce just such a swing ... but will it?

3. EMS entry will follow hard on the heels of a Conservative victory.

At present the EMS is not setting a shining example of international co-operation and stability, its participants finding it much more difficult to cope with a falling than a rising dollar. Despite last week's rebound, the dollar's trend is still down and EMS difficulties, therefore, seem set to persist.

Furthermore, defending a given rate within the EMS would, at times, put enormous strains upon the British economy which would remove a great deal of domestic discretion in the operation of economic policy. This may be regarded as an unacceptable price to pay.

4. EMS entry will lower short-term interest rates.

In the near term, this would almost certainly prove to be the case, owing to the removal of currency risk. Longer-term, however, the pound might be the weak EMS currency. With a fixed rate having to be defended, short-term rates would need to go back up.

Indeed, from the "official" perspective, if EMS entry has any appeal, it is because it imposes discipline and might thereby secure the long-desired reduction in pay settlements. Such a policy, however, would hardly be cheap.

5. Labour costs are set to grow only slowly.

Recent data has shown a sharp drop in the annual rate of growth of labour costs in manufacturing. The trouble is that this has not been caused by lower pay deals but by a heady surge in productivity. And the latter promises to prove no more than a temporary phenomenon. Furthermore, what is happening in the non-manufacturing sector of the economy — three-quarters of the whole — is by no means as encouraging.

6. Pay settlements will fall.

Optimism that pay deals will fall is based on the belief that there is a close relationship between inflation and settlements, and that this will come through eventually.

This ignores other factors that affect settlements, notably profits and the pace of redundancies. At the moment, company profits are rising buoyantly, final demand is strong, vacancies are high and skill shortages are developing. Only the CBI believes pay settlements are falling and it is not looking at service-sector settlements where most people are employed today.

7. Inflation will not be a problem this year.

The Treasury has forecast the inflation path well in recent years and is not predicting a significant rise in inflation this year.

Unfortunately, it is likely to prove overly sanguine on this score. The non-recurrence of the favourable one-off factors, notably lower oil prices, which depressed the British inflation rate last year, will ensure a "bounce"; and higher import prices will give a more worrying upward push. Inflation is set to exceed 5 per cent once more later this year.

8. The PSBR will not be a problem either.

Consistently better-than-expected monthly borrowing figures suggest that the current year's PSBR — as last year — is heading for a considerable undershoot.

Next year, however, may not be so rosy, particularly if next month's Budget contains large-scale tax cuts. True, the revenue base will be much higher than was previously expected. Next year's public spending plans, however, contain far too large an element of wishful thinking.

9. Foreign buying will keep driving the market up.

There has been patchy foreign gilt buying during the past few months, demand which has been thought to herald buying on a far stronger scale. The case in favour of gilts is the huge yield difference which now obtains between British and other, notably US, bonds. This, it is argued by many, makes gilts a bargain.

The problem with this argument is that the yield gap is in part a reflection of the foreigners' perception of sterling: our currency is generally expected to fall in the medium term, if only because of Britain's deeply-entrenched labour cost problem. There is also a huge political risk overhanging the currency which only the boldest of overseas investors is willing to ignore at present.

10. The market looks very cheap at the moment.

Last week long gilt yields moved decisively into single-digit territory once more. For the time being, the market may continue to run.

If, however, the above so-called "fallacies" turn out to be just that, then it is difficult to be optimistic about the market on anything but a very short-term view. If the election is not held in the summer, short-term rates remain high and buying from overseas stays patchy, then long yields may struggle to stay in single figures.

Ian Harwood and John Shepperd
Warburg Securities

COMPANY NEWS

Dencora sells retail warehouse for £2.2m

Dencora, the property company, has sold a pre-let retail warehouse development in Ipswich, Suffolk, to the Bedford County Council Pension Fund for £2.2 million.

The tenants are Allied Carpets, trading from 30,160 sq ft, let at £112,874 a year, and World of Leather, which will occupy 13,560 sq ft at £64,000 a year on completion of the second phase in the spring.

● **HUGHES FOOD GROUP:** The company has acquired 89.8 per cent of the issued share capital of Iceatlantic Sea Foods from the Shetland Islands Council, Highlands and Islands Development Board, and Mr JG Davidson (ISF's managing *director) for £524,276, of which* £401,599 has been paid in cash to SIC and HIDB. The balance of £122,677 attributable to Mr Davidson is payable either in cash or in HFG shares by way of four instalments, the first of which has been made.

● **BRISTOL CHANNEL SHIP REPAIRERS:** The company has been advised by CH Bailey that the negotiations, which may have led to the sale of substantially all Bailey's shareholding in BCSR, have ended without agreement.

● **CECIL GEE:** The company has announced the sale, effective as of January 31, of the leasehold interest in its Gee 2 store at 31 Market Street, Manchester, to a subsidiary of Sears Holdings. The consideration of £380,000 has been settled in cash and the net surplus represented by the disposal after allowing for attributable costs was £195,000.

● **FRANK G GATES:** Dividend clarification issued by Shearson Lehman Brothers International on behalf of Gates: while shareholders who accept the increased and final offer by Giltrap Holdings (UK) will receive 140p per share in cash if the offer becomes unconditional, they will not receive the dividend of 5.6p, which the board intends to recommend at the Gates annual meeting.

● **DWYER & CO:** The company has completed the acquisition of Hulburds (Sittingbourne) for £443,000 cash and the issue to the vendors of 425,000 shares. The vendors have undertaken not to dispose of their shares for a year. Hulburds' assets include a freehold department store investment, five freehold shop investments and leasehold land, all at Sittingbourne. Dwyer will finance the acquisition by a placing of 2.1 million shares at £1 each.

● **CANNON STREET INVESTMENTS:** A total of 1,949,717 new ordinary shares (20.2 per cent of new ordinary shares being offered by way of rights) have been placed on behalf of the company's directors, mainly with new institutional shareholders.

Scotland's high-tech sparkle

By Anne Warden

Electronics is Scotland's fastest growing industry, according to a survey to be published later this month.

Total electronics exports from companies registered in Scotland or with their main trading address there, trebled to £202 million in 1985 from £66 million in 1983.

The survey lists companies such as National Semiconductor (UK), Digital Equipment (Scotland), and Ferranti, but omits, for example, IBM, which has a manufacturing plant at Greenock, near Glasgow.

Of 18 companies, 14 showed sales increases of more than 50 per cent, and 10 of those had doubled their turnover.

The detailed analysis of 1,000 companies in Scotland by ICC, the London business information group, was made before the drop in oil prices last year, but signs of the end of the boom were already evident, it says.

However, one ill omen it finds is that each leading sector is dominated by one company: Britoil; United Biscuits; Distillers (now Guinness); General Accident; and Coats Patons, respectively.

The report concludes: "A policy of continued attraction of overseas investment will fuel high-tech growth. However, unless indigenous Scottish industry also diversifies, and is encouraged to do so, this will leave the economy vulnerable in the future."

Industrial Growth Scotland (£79): ICC Information, 28-42 Banner St, London, EC1Y 8QE (Tel: 01 253 6131).

UNLISTED SECURITIES

USM A - D

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
8,668,000	A & M Gp	14½	+1	0.8e	4.1	20.7
4,858,000	ATA Selection	52	..	2.1	4.0	13.9
9,995,000	Abbeycrest	152	-4	3.6	2.4	21.7
6,960,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	58	..	1.7e	2.9	18.2
—	Access Satellite			4.6f	.	
31.8m	Acorn Comp	48	-3	..	..	3.4
972,000	Acre Jewellery	18	-2	..	..	9.6
3,750,000	Adam Leisure	15	● ..	..	..	1.9
6,987,000	Airspring	115	-1	8.1	7.0	.
9,857,000	Amer Bus Sys	10	r +½	..	..	..
—	Do Wrnts	7½	r +½	..	..	..
32.6m	Anglo Securit Hse	347	+1	2.3	0.7	41.6
6,510,000	Arder	111	-3	..	..	..
7,875,000	Appletree	150		4.3	2.9	15.5
41.3m	App Holographics	381	+18	..	..	-
—	Do Wrnts	340	+20	..	..	
9,815,000	Asmead	151	.	..	..	
32.7m	Aspen Comms	343	.	4.4	1.3	35.7
75.4m	Aspocall	145	+18	6.6	5.9	17.9
98.1m	Asprey	555	-10	14.3	2.6	15.9
2,008,000	Assoc Energy	29	-2	..	..	7.2
12.0m	ASD	168	-7	11.4	6.8	7.3
13.1m	Atlas Equipment	163	+7	7.0	4.3	14.8
5,660,000	Automagic	98	-3	8.6	8.8	17.3
6,380,000	BBB Design	78	.	1.4	1.8	18.7
11.6m	BCE	42½	-2	..	..	..
6,895,000	BPP	218		7.1	3.3	17.8
3,962,000	BTS Grp	77	-1	5.7	7.4	9.1
4,418,000	Bedford (William)	93	-5	8.4	6.9	8.6
27.6m	Bennett & Fountain	27½	.	0.7	2.5	23.1
4,156,000	Bensons Crisps	56	-2		.	15.7
6,027,000	Bilston&Battersea	143			..	
2,287,000	Bio Isolates	20	-2	.	.	
1,837,000	Biomechanics	22	-3			
7,900,000	Bipel	39½	..	1.8	4.6	9.9
5,750,000	Blanchards	115	●-2	6.4	5.6	12.5
9,028,000	Blenheim Exhib	148	+8	3.0	2.0	22.8
20.1m	Bluebird Toys	338	+10	5.0	1.5	26.2
5,717,000	Border TV	56½	+1½	1.7	3.0	7.1
48.7m	Borland	98	-7	..	..	..
3,949,000	Brewmaker	22	..	1.1	5.0	11.6
6,855,000	Brikat	121	-14	6.0	5.0	9.8
5,242,000	Br Bloodstock	153	-7	12.8	8.2	7.2
10.9m	Br Island	61	+8	4.0	6.6	11.1
12.5m	Broad St	54	-1	1.6	3.0	..
17.9m	Brookmount	378	+5	5.0	1.3	20.6
12.7m	Brown (Charlie)	213	+3	4.3	2.0	24.4
5,364,000	Bryant (Derek)	220	-10	11.6b	5.3	7.8
—	Bula Resources	3¼	+¼	..	..	..
2,926,000	CCA Galleries	71	-2	3.4	4.8	10.5
13.4m	CML Micro	158	+3	2.6	1.7	16.0
6,484,000	CPU Comp	40	-1	..	..	24.0
19.4m	CVD	155	●+5	..	..	..
—	Caledonian Off	150	..			
3,250,000	Camotech	65	..	2.9	4.5	13.3
44.9m	Cannon Street Inv	182	r +7	3.6	1.9	14.7
11.2m	Cap & Regional	68	+1	..	..	..
24.6m	Chancery Secs	181	+1	4.7	2.6	20.1
6,600,000	Checkpoint Europe	185	..	..	..	14.5
19.0m	Chelsea Man	178	+8	2.3	1.3	28.9
489,000	Chem Methods	13½	-3	3.0	22.2	..
12.3m	Cheshire W	243	●-8	5.2	2.1	25.9
3,585,000	Cifer	23	-½	..●	..	76.7
6,972,000	Citygrove	101	..	3.8	3.8	15.4
5,801,000	Cityvision	54	+3	..	..	..
2,048,000	Cityvision 7%	29¾	-¼	..	..	..
8,119,000	Circaprint	116	●+10	1.8	1.8	16.4
10.4m	Clarke Hooper	146	●+1	3.3	2.3	19.7
5,865,000	Clogau Gold	26½	-½	..	..	..
22.7m	Cliff Oil Hdgs	54	-1	..	..	..
29.5m	Coated Electrodes	121	+3	5.6	4.6	14.1
17.3m	Cobra Emerald	55	..			
16.4m	Colne	178	● ..	3.9	2.2	18.0
3,889,000	Corogen Inc	35	-3	..	..	..
6,437,000	Comp Financial	158	-3	3.3	2.1	28.0
2,888,000	Compsoft	38	..	..	..	6.4
19.1m	Consultants	190	+34	1.8	0.9	37.0
3,242,000	Cons Tem Invs	84	..	7.1●	11.1	43.0
9,914,000	Cont Microwave	195	-8	3.2	1.8	22.9
7,208,000	Cowells	98	-2	3.7	3.8	13.8
9,840,000	CPM	98	..	0.6	0.6	14.2
6,257,000	Cramphorn	433	+10	8.8	2.0	19.9
4,800,000	Cranbrook	60	+2	0.7●	1.2	15.9
5,488,000	Cranswick	98	+5	8.4	8.5	8.5
5,092,000	Craton Lodge	90	●+4	3.1	3.4	14.2
6,124,000	Creighton Labs	167	+4	5.3	3.2	20.4
7,415,000	Crown TV Prods	78	..	5.0	6.4	17.0
8,832,000	Crusts	138	..	1.5	1.1	15.3
4,498,000	DBE Tech	48	..	..●	..	44.4
5,068,000	DJ Sec Alarms	117	+2	2.1	1.8	9.6
7,200,000	Datron	48	●-7	1.4	2.8	8.4
9,947,000	Davies (DY)	196	+1	4.9	2.5	21.9
5,072,000	Dean & Bowes	80	..	2.9	3.6	19.5
1,980,000	De Brett (Andre)	24½	-1	0.4●	1.6	12.3
15.5m	Deblor	188	+5	5.7	3.0	..
3,340,000	Delmar	57	+6	2.9	5.1	11.3
19.4m	Dencora	115	+2	2.9	2.5	15.9
4,111,000	Denmans Elec	100	+8	5.5	5.5	7.5
3,342,000	Dewey Warren	78	..	10.7●	13.7	5.8
10.8m	Dialene	280	..	4.3	1.6	15.3
30.2m	Druck	463	..	6.3	1.3	23.0
5,296,000	Dunton	28½	-1	0.6	2.1	30.1

USM E - K

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
30.8m	Eldridge Pope 'A'	403	●+8	10.0	2.5	18.3
18.7m	Electron House	160	+2	4.9	3.1	21.0
8,687,000	Electronic Data P	102	..	2.5	2.5	11.8
22.9m	Emrex	43	-2	..	..	..
1,643,000	Entertainment Prod	23	..	..	..	10.3
19.5m	Equipu	255	● ..	7.1	2.8	21.4
11.2m	Eve Construction	120	+3	6.4	5.3	13.6
35.4m	FII	410	●-15	..	..	..
21.8m	FKB Gp	238	-2	3.6	1.5	25.5
12.3m	F & H Group	131	-4	..	..	..
5,997,000	Feedback	71	+1	1.8	2.5	26.5

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
71.8m	Ailsa	141	+3	3.6b	2.6	27.5
478.2m	Alliance	949	+19	31.8	3.4	45.4
124.7m	Amer Trust	152	+3	4.4	2.9	42.3
259.2m	Ang Amer Sec	454	+20	8.9	2.0	71.5
150.5m	Atlantic Assets	123	+8	0.9	0.7	98.9
118.1m	Bankers	150	●+1	4.4b	2.9	53.8
89.6m	Berry	282	..	1.6	0.6	..
270.7m	Br Assets	70½	+3	2.9	4.1	32.2
52.5m	Br Empire Sec	39½	..	0.9	2.3	69.8
325.1m	Br Inv	521	+1	22.6	4.3	33.4
75.5m	Brunner	118	+3	3.5	3.0	47.5
141.9m	Cont'l & Ind	838	+10	31.4	3.7	36.3
82.5m	Crescent Japan	246	-7	0.4	0.2	..
17.0m	Derby Inc	144	● ..	13.0	9.0	15.8
28.3m	Do Cap	184	+6	..	..	..
139.4m	Drayton Cons	412	+2	15.4	3.7	38.2
35.3m	Drayton Far East	210	-1	1.6	0.8	..
188.0m	Drayton Japan	696	-5	1.4e	0.2	..
42.6m	Dundee Lon	254	+3	8.6	3.4	41.7
96.6m	Edin Amer Asset	122	+2	0.9	0.7	..
492.5m	Edinburgh	172	+2½	5.3b	3.1	50.6
86.0m	Electric Gen	478	●+5	6.8	1.4	79.7
40.3m	English Int	195	-1	5.5	2.8	54.5
94.8m	English Scot	119	+3	2.0	1.7	72.1
232.2m	Ensign	80	+1	1.3	1.6	78.4
62.4m	F & C Alliance	140	+8	2.7	1.9	73.7
128.9m	F & C Pacific	243	+1	2.1	0.9	93.8
9,937,000	First Charlotte	13¼	-½	0.1	0.8	..
123.2m	First Scot Amer	389	+11	15.0	3.9	37.3
98.7m	Fleming American	603	+2	8.2	1.4	98.9
42.8m	Fleming Claver	214	●+8	8.1	3.8	41.2
37.1m	Fleming Enterprise	371	+5	12.9	3.5	41.6
228.3m	Fleming Far East	151	..	1.4	0.9	..
20.3m	Fleming Fledgling	182	+6	3.6	2.2	62.8
120.6m	Fleming Japan	157	..	1.0	0.6	73.4
257.2m	Fleming Mercantile	178	+3	5.5	3.1	46.0
236.4m	Fleming Overseas	178	●+2	2.9b	1.6	88.1
69.0m	Fleming Tech	175	●-1	0.9	0.5	..
110.3m	Fleming Universal	169	..	2.1b	1.2	82.4
622.7m	For Col	118½	+2	2.4b	2.0	80.1
10.7m	Gates (Frank G)	128	-10	5.7b	4.5	12.1
84.4m	GBC Capital	116	+7	..	..	..
71.4m	GT Japan	241	-2	2.0	0.8	..
71.5m	General Funds	228	-2	2.9	1.3	..
67.2m	General Cons	360	+6	17.9b	5.0	31.8
59.8m	Glasgow Stock	180	..	3.3	1.8	73.5
738.6m	Globe	142	+2	6.3	3.7	36.5
131.2m	Govett Atlantic	162	+2	4.3b	2.7	48.6
232.7m	Govett Oriental	259	-3	3.3	1.3	..

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
94.0m	River & Merc	195	+2			
47.8m	River Plate	305	+2	12.4	4.1	35.3
—	Robeco	307	-1	..	..	..
—	Rolinco	268				
115.1m	Romney	408	+3	7.1	1.8	61.7
3,200.0m	Rorento	£16	-½			
356.6m	Scottish	421	●-10	9.4	2.2	64.3
288.0m	Scot American	82	+2	2.6b	2.8	..
291.4m	Scot Eastern	138	+2	2.9	2.1	72.3
14.7m	Scot Merc 'A'	92	..	6.4	7.0	..
445.8m	Scot Mtge	618	+17	12.6	2.0	66.7
281.4m	Scot Nat	365	+16	7.6	2.1	61.4
156.6m	Second Alliance	816	+15	26.4	3.2	40.2
164.9m	Secs Tst of Scotland	103	+2½	4.3b	4.2	37.9
38.9m	Smaller Cos	99	+4	2.0	2.0	69.2

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
109.6m	TR Property	89	+2	1.9	2.4	53.3
280.6m	TR Tech	130	+2	2.6	2.0	61.3
181.7m	TR Trustees	204	+4	6.1	3.0	45.3
109.9m	Temple Bar	192	+4	8.1b	4.2	33.6
205.2m	Throgmorton	357	+11	13.7	3.7	38.0
9,975,000	Throg Dual	285	..	..	..	..
85.7m	Trans Oceanic	238	●+1	6.1	2.6	51.7
90.7m	Tribune	177	+7	4.0	2.3	50.7
20.7m	Triplevest Inc	86½	+1	17.1	19.8	7.8
243.6m	US Debenture	353	+15	9.3	2.6	70.7
7,427,000	Value Inc Tst	47	..	1.8b	3.8	.
18.4m	Viking Resources	45	..	2.9	6.3	22.7
67.0m	Westpool	68	●-4	2.3	3.4	33.5
424.9m	Witan	124½	+1	2.6b	2.1	70.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
999,405m	American Express	£45	●-¼	..		
24.8m	Argyle	116	-2	2.9	2.5	34.7
11.6m	Boustead	31	+1	..e	..	63.8
342.5m	Britannia Arrow	153	-5	6.0	3.9	17.9
154.6m	Daily Mail	£31	●-1	85.7	2.8	18.7
147.1m	Do 'A'	£29½	●-1½	85.7	2.9	17.8
288.3m	Electra	178	+5	6.9	3.3	41.1
37.4m	Eng Trust	179	..	4.3	2.4	19.6
749.5m	Exco	320	+12	6.0	1.9	20.6
14.2m	Exploration	118	● ..	3.3	2.8	15.5
48.3m	Framlington	835	+5	12.9	1.5	21.8
17.8m	Frost Gp	126	..	7.1	5.6	13.5
103.1m	GT Management	213	..	4.3	2.0	16.1
71.2m	Goode (D & M)	185	-1	3.6n	1.9	28.9
228.3m	Henderson Admin	£10½	+½	22.1	2.0	21.7
104.1m	ICH	210	..	12.9	6.1	9.3
294.8m	MAI	461	-10	25.0	5.4	9.8
205.7m	M & G	275	-1	7.5	2.7	20.3
284.5m	Mercantile House	338	-25	20.0	6.0	6.4
72.8m	Pacific Inv Tst	145	+3	0.5	0.3	.
—	Do Warrants	60	+10½			
43.6m	Smith New Court	159	+1	10.0	6.3	7.8

Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of Members of National Australia Bank Limited will be held at 36th Floor, 500 Bourke Street, Melbourne, on Thursday, 26th February 1987, at 2.00 p.m., Australian Eastern Summer Time.

Special Business

To consider and, if thought fit, pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution:

"THAT–

1. For the purposes of this resolution, the expression–

   'the eligible amount of capital reserves' means the aggregate of:

(a) that part of the funds now standing to the credit of the Company's asset revaluation reserve which represents profits arising wholly and exclusively from the revaluation of assets not acquired for the purpose of resale at a profit; and

(b) that part of the funds now standing to the credit of the Company's capital reserve which represents profits arising wholly and exclusively from the sale of assets not acquired for the purpose of resale at a profit;

'required amount' means so much of the eligible amount of capital reserves as is required to be capitalised so that (disregarding fractions and treating holdings of shares on more than one register as separate holdings and not aggregating such holdings) the holders of the issued shares of the Company entered on the Company's register of members at 5 p.m. on Friday, 20th March 1987 (hereinafter called 'the shareholders entitled') will receive one new share of $1.00 issued at a premium of $4.00 credited as fully paid (as to both nominal value and premium) for every five issued shares of $1.00 each (whether fully or partly paid) held by them respectively;

'shareholder' includes stockholder and 'issued shares' includes stock units.

2. The required amount be and is hereby capitalised and the sum so capitalised be distributed to shareholders entitled in the same proportion as if distributed by way of dividend in accordance with the provisions of Article 120 and Article 130 of the Company's Articles of Association and on the basis that they become entitled thereto as capital.

3. Such capitalised sum shall be applied on behalf of the shareholders entitled in paying up in full unissued shares of $1.00 each of the Company at a premium of $4.00 a share and that such new shares credited as fully paid (as to both nominal value and premium) be accordingly issued to the shareholders entitled respectively in the proportion of one of such new shares for every five issued shares of the Company of $1.00 each (whether fully or partly paid) held by the shareholders entitled respectively and shall be accepted by them in full satisfaction of their interest in such capitalised sum PROVIDED ALWAYS that in determining the entitlement of a shareholder to new shares, holdings of shares on more than one register will be treated as separate holdings and not aggregated and that in any case where such distribution would result in any person becoming entitled to a fraction of a share such fraction shall be disregarded.

4. The new shares will rank for dividend as from the 1st October 1986 in respect of any dividend declared or paid in respect of any period commencing on or after that date; otherwise they will rank equally with existing fully paid issued shares of the Company."

By order of the Board
R. J. Barnier, Secretary
29th January 1987

Proxies

A member or other person entitled to vote may appoint not more than two proxies to attend and vote instead of him. Where more than one proxy is appointed, each proxy must be appointed to represent a specified proportion of the Member's voting rights. A proxy need not be a Member of the Company.

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APPOINTMENTS

UCC executive

UCC International: Mr **Philip Keep** has been made executive marketing director for Europe.

United Biscuits: Mr **Frank Knight** and Mr **Derek Stewart** have joined the board.

Arthur Bell & Sons: Mr **Graham Kettle** becomes sales director from March 1.

MTM Chemicals: Mr **Jonathan Peacock** is now managing director.

John Michael Design: Mr **Ian Johnson** has joined the board and becomes managing director of John Michael Project Management.

Industrial Cleaning Papers: **Lord Chalfont** has been appointed president. Mr **Graham Hebblethwaite** has been made managing director and Mr **Tom Drake** is now chairman.

Grant Thornton: Mr **Eric Jackson** becomes a partner.

Audit Commission: Mr **Harry Axton** is now deputy chairman.

Pensord Press: Mr **David Seabrook** will be commercial director.

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A strong grip on democracy

- **Population: 10 million**
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- **Prime Minister: Anibal Cavaco Silva**
- **Ruling party: Social Democrats**
- **Per capita income: $2,000**
- **Inflation: 11.7 per cent**
- **Number of tourists: 13 million**
- **Tourism receipts: $2,000 million**

Much has changed in Portugal since 1974, when the armed forces overthrew the dictatorship that had lasted for nearly 50 years. When the Prince and Princess of Wales arrive on Wednesday for a visit they will see an actively democratic country, which has been a member of the European Community since the beginning of last year.

Its economy is also beginning to grow, partly as a result of EEC membership, and had a good year in 1986. Portugal went through a bad patch in the aftermath of the revolution, but austerity measures began a recovery, and businessmen and industrialists are now responding to the challenge of the larger market.

Portugal is still, however, one of Western Europe's poorest nations, with worrying economic shortcomings, and most Portuguese do not have an easy life.

This is partly attributed to paralysis at the political level and the lack of decisive government: the electorate has tended to hedge its bets at successive general elections, not giving any party a clear majority; and the politicians have often been reluctant to undertake the surgery necessary to meet the challenge of modernizing the country.

Since November 1985 the country has had a government headed by Anibal Cavaco Silva, a 47-year-old economist trained at York University, who comes from the more conservative wing of the Social Democrat Party. But Cavaco Silva commands only 85 seats out of 250 in the single-chamber parliament, and only narrowly managed to avoid being dismissed last year.

In 1985 he came in announcing a bold, wide-ranging programme of reforms. Everyone imagined he intended to start trying to implement them and that then, when the opposition parties started cavilling, he would go to the country branding his opponents for "stopping him governing the country" and seek a firm mandate.

But that is not what happened. As last year went by the government was repeatedly hindered, and sometimes obliged to forgo measures; and yet Cavaco Silva did not carry out his threat to go to the voters.

The opinion polls did not encourage the Social Democrats to take the plunge, and Cavaco Silva's critics increasingly accused him of settling into day-to-day administration. With Portugal then in its first year of EEC membership, that was in many ways task enough.

The trouble is that neither of the two formulae for giving the country a strong government has proved either successful or long-lived, though both have been tried.

Under Francisco Sá Carneiro, the Social Democrats' most powerful leader, a broad right-of-centre Democratic Alliance was formed and won a clear majority in 1980. But within months Sá Carneiro was killed in a plane accident, and the coalition slowly broke up in party infighting.

The other formula, a grand coalition of Social Democrats and Socialists, the two main parties, was attempted after the 1983 election. Mario Soares, who has been President since last March but was then secretary-general of the Socialist Party, became Prime Minister.

A broad programme was drawn up, and an austerity package was implemented on the recommendation of the International Monetary Fund. But differences, especially among the Social Democrat leaders, made effective government impossible.

Soares sought to make what he saw as the historic goal of Portugal's joining the European Community the means of keeping the coalition alive; and on June 10, 1985, the accession treaty was signed in the historic Jeronimos monastery in Lisbon. But the Social Democrats broke up the coalition the next day.

This led to the October general election, in which the Socialists lost half their assembly seats, largely as "punishment" by the voters for the austerity measures.

Significantly, there was a 75 per cent turnout, demonstrating the Portuguese people's belief in democracy, sustained after almost 50 years of authoritarianism, and despite what politicians of all the parties have done with it. There have regularly been high turnout figures at elections; in February, 1986, in the presidential election, it was more than 78 per cent.

Portugal now has in effect two left-of-centre parties, the Socialists and the Democratic Renewal Party (PRD) led by General Antonio Eanes, the former President. They face two right-of-centre parties, the Social Democrats and a Christian Democrat party which calls itself Centre Democrat, though its leader is Adriano Moreira, a former overseas affairs minister under Salazar.

Yet while the Social Democrats and the Christian Democrats showed under Sá Carneiro that they can link up to form a government, and could well do so again, the democratic left's problem lies in the existence of a hard-line Communist Party with 37 MPs.

Carlos Gustia

Politics and the people: Cavaco Silva in electioneering mood, and, above right, Algarve fishermen after the catch

The Communists are unacceptable coalition partners for either Dr Constancio or General Eanes.

Portugal's underlying problem of how to form stable governments is likely to occupy much of the country's politics this coming year. One reason for this is that 1988 will offer another legal opportunity to amend the 1976 constitution, "supervised" by the armed forces before they handed over power to the civilian politicians and still bearing traces of a left-wing revolutionary ideology.

It is thought that Cavaco Silva will want to go into such a reform process, which requires the calling of an election, in order to remove the constitution's Marxist-orientated provisions and give greater scope to private enterprise for modernizing Portugal.

A general election is therefore likely to be held either late this year or early next, called by Cavaco Silva at the moment he judges most favourable. By then he will have lasted for two years in office, itself an achievement in Portuguese politics.

The Socialists are also interested in changes to the constitution, seeing an answer to Portugal's difficulties in achieving stable government. They are attracted by a reform which would in effect introduce the West German constitutional practice whereby no government can fall unless an alternative one commanding a parliamentary majority is in the wings.

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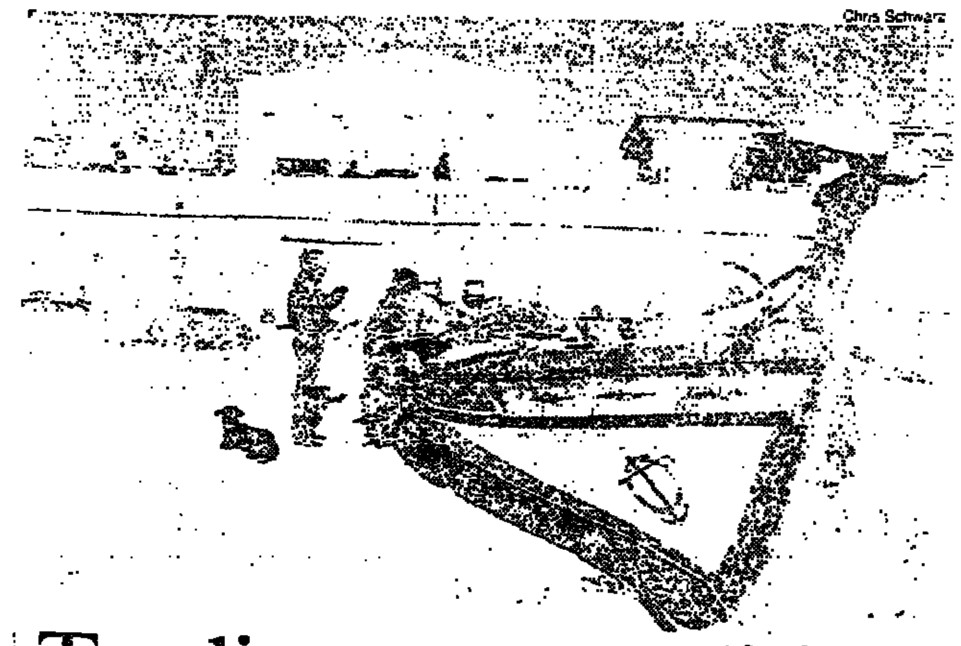


Trading on a tradition

When the Prince of Wales opens a British Trade Exhibition in Oporto on Friday, he will be building on a long tradition. Anglo-Portuguese trade has been one of the basic factors in the 600-year-old alliance between the two countries, celebrated on the anniversary of the Treaty of Windsor last year.

Today Britain has been overtaken as an exporter by other European countries. Both West Germany and France pulled ahead some time ago, and the latest Portuguese figures show Spain joining them at the head of the table, with Italy closing in on Britain and challenging it for fourth place.

But the opportunities are very much there. The aim of the exhibition, being mounted by the British Government, is to prompt British companies to seize them.

The reason for Britain's slippage is not so much a drop in its exports, which have remained steady. It is more that other countries have seized the new opportunities available now that Portugal is in the European Community.

Portuguese officials say they regret the situation, which they attribute to British exporters not having the "aggressive" approach of their competitors.

Portugal is a relatively small market, and not a wealthy one. But it is the country's very need to modernize that provides the openings. Portugal needs to develop its economic infrastructure. It needs in particular to make its agricultural production more efficient.

It needs machinery for its sizeable textile industry, and the computers to streamline its workings.

Britain already sells Portugal machinery for specialized industry, and automatic data processing equipment, in addition to oil and gas, road vehicles, machinery and office equipment, and chemical products.

The National Industrial Fuel Efficiency Service has won a contract to carry out a study of fuel efficiency in Portugal. Simon Carves is to construct a grain silo at Trafara, across the Tagus from Lisbon. British Steel has been awarded a contract to supply the Portuguese railways with rail.

BUSINESS

On its side Portugal has increased its sales to Britain, and the gap between these exports and Britain's to Portugal, already in Portugal's favour, is growing. Portuguese officials speak proudly of this growth in their exports, but emphasize that they would be glad of a reduction in the imbalance through an increase in British exports to Portugal.

Portugal's exports are principally in areas where they have long been established — textiles, clothing, footwear, both manufactured and non-manufactured wood and cork products, and wine.

Sales of port, a long-established business, are still increasing; and there is a new emphasis on Portuguese table wines, red, white and *vinho verde*, whose sales have increased even more sharply.

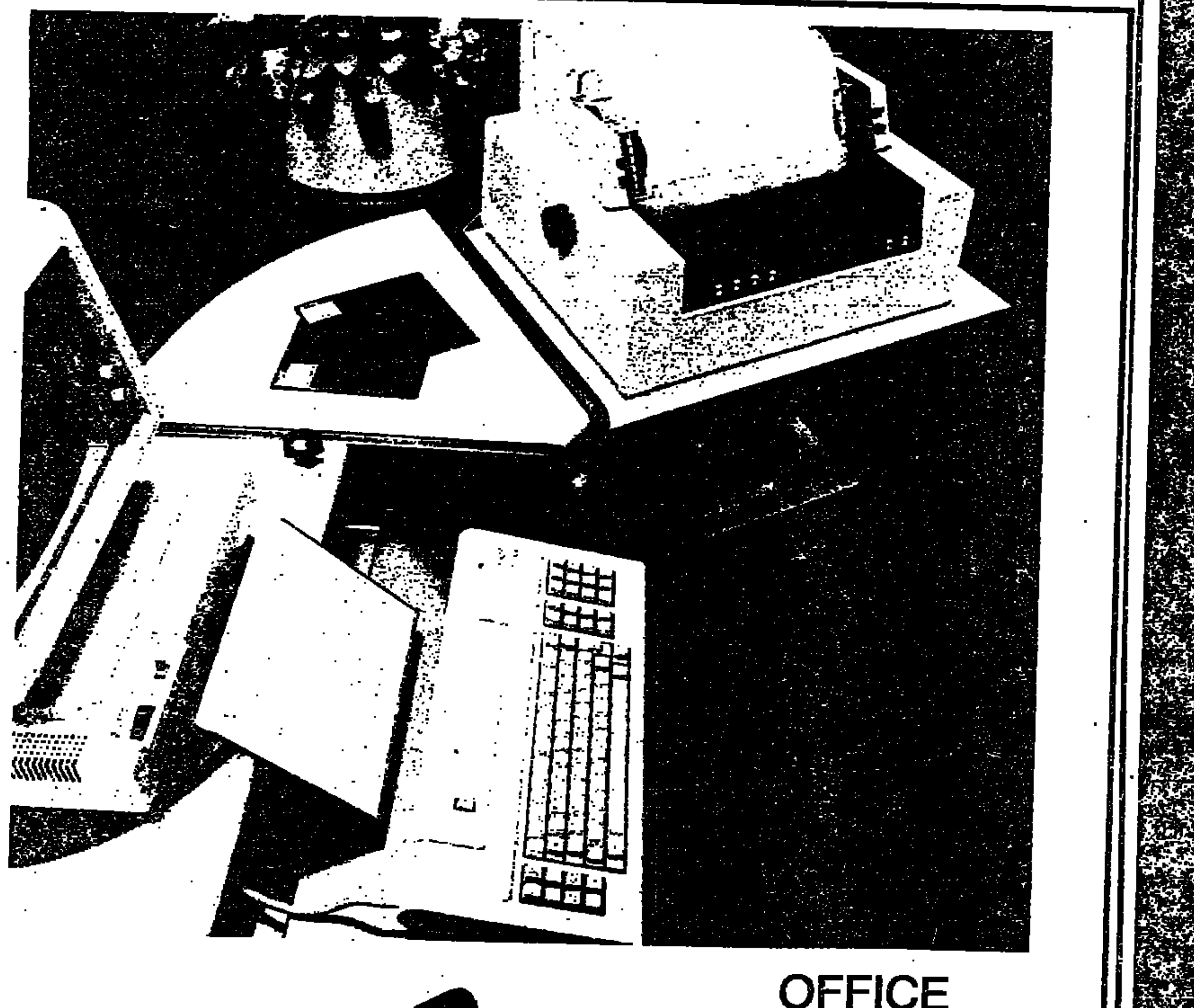
The area in which Britain does predominate is investment in Portugal. This country was the largest foreign investor in 1985, and figures for the first half of 1986 show that it maintained that position. This is partly due to investment in the Algarve, with its tourist industry, and partly to some substantial investments in Portuguese industries by British companies.

Wiggins-Teape bought a 42.9 per cent share in a pulp mill at Figueira da Foz in 1985; and in the same year Rio Tinto Zinc bought a 49 per cent share of a copper mine at Neves Corvo in the Bajo Alentejo. Tate & Lyle has bought out a number of Portuguese sugar-refining companies, and ICI has been involved for several years in the production of textile fibres in Portugal.

In the banking area, Lloyds has long been established in Portugal. It has now been joined by Barclays.

The Portuguese are glad of foreign investment, which helps to modernize their industry and which, they maintain, provides the investing companies with an efficient, low-cost operating base.

Peter Strafford



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White wines with the green name

Port certainly needs no introduction. Madeira has had its more fashionable moments, but it, too, has a solid market image. And those fizzy rosés in funny bottles — well, say what you will, they sell. Marketing Portugal's table wines abroad, though, is another matter.

The trouble is, few European or American consumers have even heard of the demarcated regions where the best table wines come from in Portugal and, worse, the wines have little up-market footing.

The fault lies mostly with the way the Portuguese wine industry is organized: It is dominated by the cooperative system. The great majority of growers have neither the financial nor the technical means to produce and market their own wines, and so they sell their grapes or their new wines to cooperatives or private blenders and bottlers.

The system has done a lot to raise overall standards, but it has done so, inevitably, at the cost of the cream. With a few exceptions, Portuguese wine districts have no equivalents of the great French châteaux to boost their reputation.

The Dão region in central Portugal is generally accepted to be the origin of Portugal's most distinguished red wines, but its best are not available to the general public.

WINE

The same could be said of regions like Bairrada, which produces fine, fruity red wines, and Bucellas, famed for its dry white wines. The overall quality is generally excellent, but what is missing is the élite wine that can only be obtained by lovingly nursing the production from a small area and bottling it on the spot.

But things are changing, Peter Bright, director of enology at Joao Pires e filhos lda, thinks.

"There is definitely a conscious effort being made here to improve quality", he says, and the development of estate bottling is an important part of it. We still have a long way to go, but it is happening."

One area where it has been happening for some time now, with notable results, is in the *vinho verde* region in the rainy, verdant north-west corner of Portugal known as the Minho.

Vinho verde's name is said to come from the emerald tones of the Minho landscape. The wines are light in alcohol — 9 degrees by volume is the standard strength — dry almost to the point of astringency, and have a slight prickle of effervescence given to them by a secondary malolactic fermentation which takes place after they are bottled.

The white *vinhos verdes* are a pale lemon in colour, and despite their dryness, have a fine, flowery taste. The dark, steely reds, which in fact make up the bulk of *vinho verde* production, are scarcely drunk outside the Minho region.

Most *vinho verde* is still produced in cooperatives and big blending firms, but the top quality wines come from *quintas*, the Portuguese name for an agricultural holding or estate.

Solar das Boucas, one of the biggest of the *quintas*, is owned by Albano de Castro e Sousa, a bon vivant who collects vintage American cars

Senhor Castro e Sousa bought his 32-hectare estate 15 years ago, mostly, he says, with the intention of restoring the 18th-century mansion (*solar* means a noble old house or mansion) on it.

Problems arise in selling abroad

At the time the estate's vineyards were producing a small quantity of red wine, but Senhor Castro e Sousa was persuaded by friends to plant some white vines, and has never looked back.

He has no trouble selling his wine domestically, but problems begin when he tries to sell abroad. "They think it's a funny wine in England", he says, "not to be taken seriously." A product with a name like green wine is bound to be looked at askance at first, he admits philosophically, but he is exasperated by the number of people who think that the wine is called "green" because the grapes are picked before they are ripe.

Vinho verde grapes are picked quite late, in fact, usually around the beginning of October. The wine is bottled early in March and is ready to go on the market by May.

Peter Collis

Tony Stone

A harvest of smiles: Families of Portuguese grape pickers in the Algarve gather at the beginning of the day's work.

Bad days for smugglers, good days for whisky

ECONOMY

Though serious problems remain, Portugal's economic situation improved greatly in 1986, and the trend is expected to continue in 1987.

This was partly due to favourable external factors — the fall of the dollar, lower prices for oil and other raw materials, lower international interest rates — and partly to the effects of Portuguese entry *into the EEC in January, 1986.*

Portugal's imports of crude oil, cereals and oil seed, which it pays for in dollars, are responsible for 95 per cent of its trade deficit. The decline of the dollar and the price of oil permitted the country to save a billion dollars in 1986, even though its oil imports were up 15 per cent in tonnage over the previous year as a result of its industrial recovery.

There were large savings on cereals because international prices dropped and because the Portuguese were also able to increase local production and substitute some feeds for cheaper ones from Thailand. The decrease in world interest rates permitted a $250 million reduction in Portuguese debt service payments on its $17,000 million foreign debt.

Portugal's entry into the EEC has, on the whole, had positive results. It has brought cash for much needed investment in infrastructures and it has opened up markets. It has also brought a new outlook both to businessmen and ordinary people.

The net result of incomings from the EEC brought benefits of £142 million. That money financed mostly roads and other regional development without immediate visible effects, but 1987 is expected to see this change somewhat.

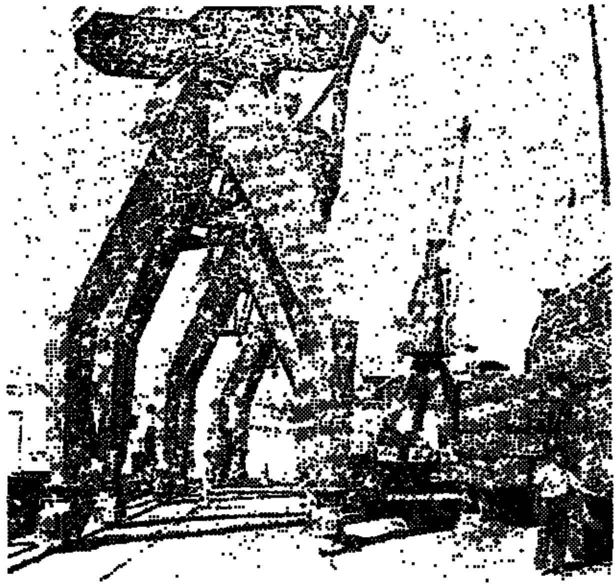
Portuguese businessmen and industrialists are overcoming the paralysing fear of the Community giant which took hold of them before entry. At the beginning of 1986, about 60 percent of the companies in the Confederation of Portuguese Industry — CIP — said in a poll that they could not meet the EEC challenge. By the end of the year, only 35 percent were still so pessimistic.

This is indeed a step forward for Portuguese industrialists. Senhor Rogerio Martins, an engineer who was Minister of Industry before the 1974 revolution and later became economic adviser to Francisco Sá Carneiro when he was Prime Minister, describes them as having earlier been like "18th-century company owners with pre-industrial revolution mentalities."

At the same time membership of the EEC is allowing Portugal to interest foreign investors from Brazil, Japan and South Korea, looking for a door into the EEC. They are also interested in taking advantage of Portugal's low salaries.

Trade with the EEC has increased. Exports to the EEC went up 16.6 per cent in real terms during the first three quarters of 1986 over the previous year. But imports from the EEC grew 32 per cent, increasing the negative trade balance. West Germany, France and Spain had the largest percentages of the market. Britain ranked fourth with 7.6 per cent.

For the average citizen, the tangible proof of Portugal's being in the EEC is cheaper imported chocolate and whisky, and an abundance of Spanish and other European products in the supermarkets.


Cargo loading at Leixoes, Oporto's new harbour

An added effect was that EEC entry ruined business for smugglers, who had done a thriving business in electrodomestic equipment and other European products. They have had to re-think and concentrate on things like diamonds from Africa and radio batteries from Taiwan.

No visible effects from EEC money

In spite of optimism in most quarters, there are still fears, however. Dr Silva Lopes, former head of the Bank of Portugal, has predicted that Portugal will become a net contributor to the Community in the next three or four years.

Officials connected with the Community admit the risk exists, particularly because Portugal is still so backward in agriculture and may not be able to compensate for its imports with its own salable products. "It would be ridiculous for the poorest country in Europe to become a net contributor," says one.

One danger was averted in recent negotiations in Brussels between the EEC and the United States. The United States had threatened to impose restrictions on European imports because it claimed the entry of Portugal and Spain into the EEC was costing the United States $400 million a year in lost grain sales. Under the agreement worked out, Portugal will be allowed to go on importing cheap grain from the United States until 1991, which means a saving of $25 million.

Portugal's greatest fear is of Spain, its neighbour. The trade imbalance with Spain has increased this year. Portuguese exports to Spain cover only 51 per cent of its imports. Portugal has accused Spain of erecting artificial barriers against its textiles. Productivity in Spain is twice that of Portugal, and inflation there is only 8.5 per cent against 11.7

There is the possibility that foreign companies will prefer Spain to Portugal for their springboard to the EEC. Portugal may also lose markets in Brazil and the Portuguese-speaking African countries to Spain.

There was an 69 per cent increase in Spanish investment in Portugal in 1986. Spain tripled its exports of steel to Portugal, endangering plans in Lisbon to modernize the national steel industry. It is feared that Portugal could be colonized by Spain now that the barriers are down.

On the other hand, Portugal had a good year with its balance of payments. In the first eight months, the current account showed a net surplus of $812 million as against $94 million for the same period last year.

Workers' remittances from emigrants were up 32 per cent to nearly $3,000 million, and total tourism receipts reached $2,000 million, a 67 per cent increase over 1985. Tourist entries increased 9.5 per cent to 13 million, although American visitors decreased by one third.

Senhor Miguel Cadilhe, the Minister of Finance, seems to be winning his fight against inflation. Average inflation was 11.7 per cent — down from 30 per cent two years ago. It is expected to drop to 9 per cent in 1987.

Industrial production was up, and real wages increased for the first time in a decade. Portugal is expecting real growth this year between 2 and 3 per cent.

In spite of the relatively healthy state of the economy, however, some old, nearly insoluble problems persist. Unemployment still stands at 10 per cent. The public sector continues to absorb 50 per cent of the country's available finances.

The textile industry as a whole is fighting for its life and even about to lose its tee-shirt to Far Eastern competitors. There is overt hunger in Lisbon's industrial belt, where the shipyards, steel mills, fishing industry and chemical plants are in dire straits. Many are on the verge of bankruptcy.

The country also still depends too heavily on emigrants' remittances — and emigrants are returning at the rate of 40,000 per year. What will happen in the future to the economy, when all of them come home, and the international situation with its falling dollar, cheap oil and low interest rates changes?

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Britons flock to get a share of the sun

PROPERTY

The Algarve, with its Moorish-style villages, offers good value for the foreign buyer, argues

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The 200 kilometres of Portugal's southern coast of the Algarve, with its fine, sandy beaches, Moorish architecture and mild climate, is attracting more and more British people who buy property either for retirement or as holiday homes.

Most buy apartments or villas in one of the developments that have year-round golf, swimming pools, tennis courts, restaurants, clubs, riding stables and many other facilities. But some are buying old, Algarve-style houses in the mountains above the beaches and restoring them.

The prices of property are higher on the Algarve than in Spain, but Algarve real estate agents claim the quality is better. There have also been fewer complaints from foreigners in Portugal about unscrupulous sales methods and time-sharing frauds than there have been in Spain, according to Edward Latham, the British lawyer sent by the EEC to investigate complaints.

There are an enormous number of developments to choose from on the Algarve. At the western end, there is the elegant Luz Bay Club — an almost totally British enclave — owned jointly by Sadler of Britain and Moreira of Portugal. Luz Bay has good club facilities and a wide selection of villas that range in price from £30,000 to £150,000. An average plot would be 2,000 sq metres.

East toward Portimão, on the beach, is the Praia do Vau tourist development, which recently won a gold award for its high standards. Praia do Vau has limited time sharing, but its British owners, the Emerson Group, plan to expand into the sale of houses, ranging between £60,000 and £90,000.

Around the town of Albufeira, famous for its white Moorish buildings, there has been a relatively uncontrolled spate of building, mainly for time-sharing.

In Albufeira, £2,000 pays for one week per year in a time sharing plan.

Further east, near Quarteira, there is the gigantic Vilamoura project — the largest tourist development in Europe. It has the widest selection of property possible from one-room, self-contained units to large, luxury villas. Prices vary from £20,000 for a studio to £250,000 for a luxury villa on a large plot with swimming pool.

Vilamoura has two 18-hole golf courses with another under construction, a gambling casino, riding stables, cinemas, clubs, restaurants and a yacht marina which is being expanded to berth another thousand boats.

Vilamoura even has its own landing strip for small aircraft. It is owned by Lusotour, a consortium of Portuguese banks.

Near Faro, the capital of the Algarve, and just over 20 miles from Faro's international airport, is the expensive Val do Lobo, started 25 years ago by the Costain group. Seventy per cent of its residents are British. The least expensive property would be a resale of a village house at £50,000. New two-bedroom units cost £80,000. Val do Lobo has a 29-hole golf course, beach and pool. Its Dutch owner, Sander Van Gelder, reportedly has plans to invest another £300 million in the development.

At Almansil, just 15 miles from Faro airport, is the Quinta do Lago development on 1,680 acres set in pine woods and rolling hills and backed by a natural wild-life preserve. Quinta do Lago has a 27-hole golf course, considered one of the best in Europe, horse riding, tennis, windsurfing, restaurants and bars. Apartments cost £65,000 pounds. Houses cost around £250,000.

A new development near the historic town of Loule is called Fonte de Pippa. Located on the southern slopes of high hills, it provides splendid views of the sea just 15 minutes away. The Fonte de Pippa club is a refurbished 19th century palace. It will have a selection of property valued between £50,000 and £150,000.

Developments are also growing up farther east toward the Spanish border near Vila Real and Castro Marin, where construction will soon begin on the international bridge over the Guadiana river, which will join the two countries.

British people are also buying property in other parts of Portugal, mainly in the beach resort towns of Cascais and Estoril near Lisbon and in the fairy-tale town of Sintra — for centuries a favourite for British visitors — where mansions and palaces that have housed dukes and millionaires can be purchased for as little as £90,000 up to £500,000. At the same time people are buying small, rustic cottages or farmhouses for around £20,000 to renovate.

In Cascais or Estoril, a four-bedroom house will cost between £40,000 and £100,000.

While there are excellent properties to be bought in Portugal, there are problems. Caution is the watchword. British and other tourists in the Algarve have complained to the police of harassment by young British people, hired by development companies on a commission basis to lure them into putting their money into dubious time-sharing schemes. At one time last summer there were about 1,400 on the streets of the main towns, accosting British tourists.

The Department of Trade and Industry in London has published a warning brochure on time-sharing called *Your place in the sun — or is it?* in which potential investors are warned to "sign nothing and pay nothing on a first visit". They are told to "beware of gifts and prizes" and "check the reliability of the resort."

A new law — decree law 38-86 — passed in March of last year has also affected the purchase of land by British people. It limits the size of land which can be bought by a non-resident foreigner to 5,000 square metres. Permanent residence takes five years.

Also, the Bank of Portugal has been demanding an on-site evaluation of land by local finance offices to prevent under-valuation for tax purposes. This has resulted in a huge jump in land prices. Deith Taylor, owner of the Trevo real estate company in the Algarve, believes that these restrictions have put a real damper on potential sales.

He says: "It seems to be a general move to reduce the amount of land in the hands of foreigners."

The visitor's Portugal: The Algarve resort of Praia Da Rocha (above) and a typical property of the region.

Put up in a king's palace

TOURISM

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There are about 110 of these accommodations around the country, with more being added all the time in a government-sponsored programme to help owners restore historic buildings and add modern facilities for tourism.

A quiet, verdant land of hills

The greatest number and many of the most interesting of these houses are in the Costa Verde (green coast) region, which stretches from south of Oporto to the Spanish border in the north. It is made up of the High Douro and the High Minho — historically the oldest part of Portugal — a coastal zone forming an ampitheatre that rises from the Atlantic to the Geres Marão.

The coast is densely populated and crowded with industry, but just a few miles inland it becomes a quiet verdant land of hills and mountains with deep valleys. The sides of the hills are covered with vineyards that produce the port and *vinho verde* wines.

Its picturesque towns and villages have the biggest and most varied concentration of historic monuments in the country — churches, castles and monasteries, mainly Romanesque and Baroque.

Palaces and manor houses of the 16th to 18th-centuries abound, many of which are open to tourists. *Castras* and *citanias* and palaeolithic sites attest to the region's antiquity, as do the many Roman ruins.

The people in the Minho are cheerful and friendly, given to festivals, village dances, fireworks and religious processions in bright costumes. Their handicrafts are related to the life of the country people, fishermen and shepherds — handwoven rugs, embroidered linen tablecloths, hand-carved wooden chests and beds, granite statuary, tin lamps and pots, typical regional dresses, colourful glazed pottery, bone lace, silk ox yokes, gold filigree, wicker and straw articles.

Varied sports in open air

The food of the region is interesting, but a bit heavy. Some typical dishes include *caldo verde* soup made of grated green cabbage; octopus with rice; *cozido a portuguesa* made of several kinds of meat boiled with vegetables; *rojões a minho* made of seasoned pork, tripe and a variety of and merino kerchiefs, painted sausages boiled in deep fat and served with potatoes; *arroz de sarrabulho*, rice cooked in blood with a variety of meats and chicken; spider crab, trout, lamprey, mussels, sardines and a variety of other fish and seafood.

The region is good for outdoor sports like fishing, horseback riding and hunting quail, partridge and hare in season between October and February.

Oporto itself is an old city on the steep hills at the mouth of the Douro river, with ancient churches and monuments and its port wine.

North of Oporto, at the mouth of the Lima river, there is Viana de Castelo, which has been an important fishing and trading town. In the 15th century, Jews from Aragon in Spain turned it into a commercial centre. Also near Oporto is Espinho, a seaside resort with a casino. Just east is Barcelos, famous for its gaily painted pottery figures — particulary the rooster which has become the unofficial symbol of Portugal.

In the centre of the region is Braga, founded by Celts (the Bracari) in the first century BC. It was later dedicated to the Emperor Augustus in Roman times and became the hub of five important Roman roads. It has the oldest cathedral in Portugal and the famous Bom Jesus sanctuary at the top of hundreds of majestic steps.

Nearby is the city of Guimarães, the cradle of the Portuguese nation, which was the birthplace of Portugal's first king, who built his palace (now restored) there in the 10th century.

Only 90 miles east of Oporto, but in a different world, lies the Peneda-Geres national park, a wild country of mountains where deer, eagles, wildcats, wild boar and wolves run free. It has picturesque old villages and prehistoric and Roman ruins.

Ponte de Lima, on the left bank of the Lima river, is dominated by a fine Roman bridge and mediaeval towers above the white houses of the town, and has some of the finest tourist manor houses in Portugal.

One of the oldest and most imposing is Paço de Calheiros. Its present owner is Count Francisco Lopes de Calheiros. Totally restored recently, the manor has retained all of its baronial splendour.

One of the most charming accommodations is the Moinho de Estorãos, a little watermill built in the 17th century near a Roman bridge over the Estorãos river near Ponte de Lima.

In Viana de Castelo there are several impressive manor houses including Paço d'Anha, a centuries-old mansion on a large farm that produces *vinho verde*, and the sprawling, elegant, 17th-century Casa do Ameal.

In Guimarães, the Paço de San Cipriano is an imposing 15th century stone building with many pillars and towers. Ponte de Barca, also on the Lima river, Barcelos and most of the other Costa Verde towns have noteworthy manor houses.

There are manor houses allover Portugal, from the resort towns of Estoril, Cascais and Sintra near Lisbon to the beaches of the Algarve, to the rolling plains of the Alentejo and the high mountains in the north-east of the country.

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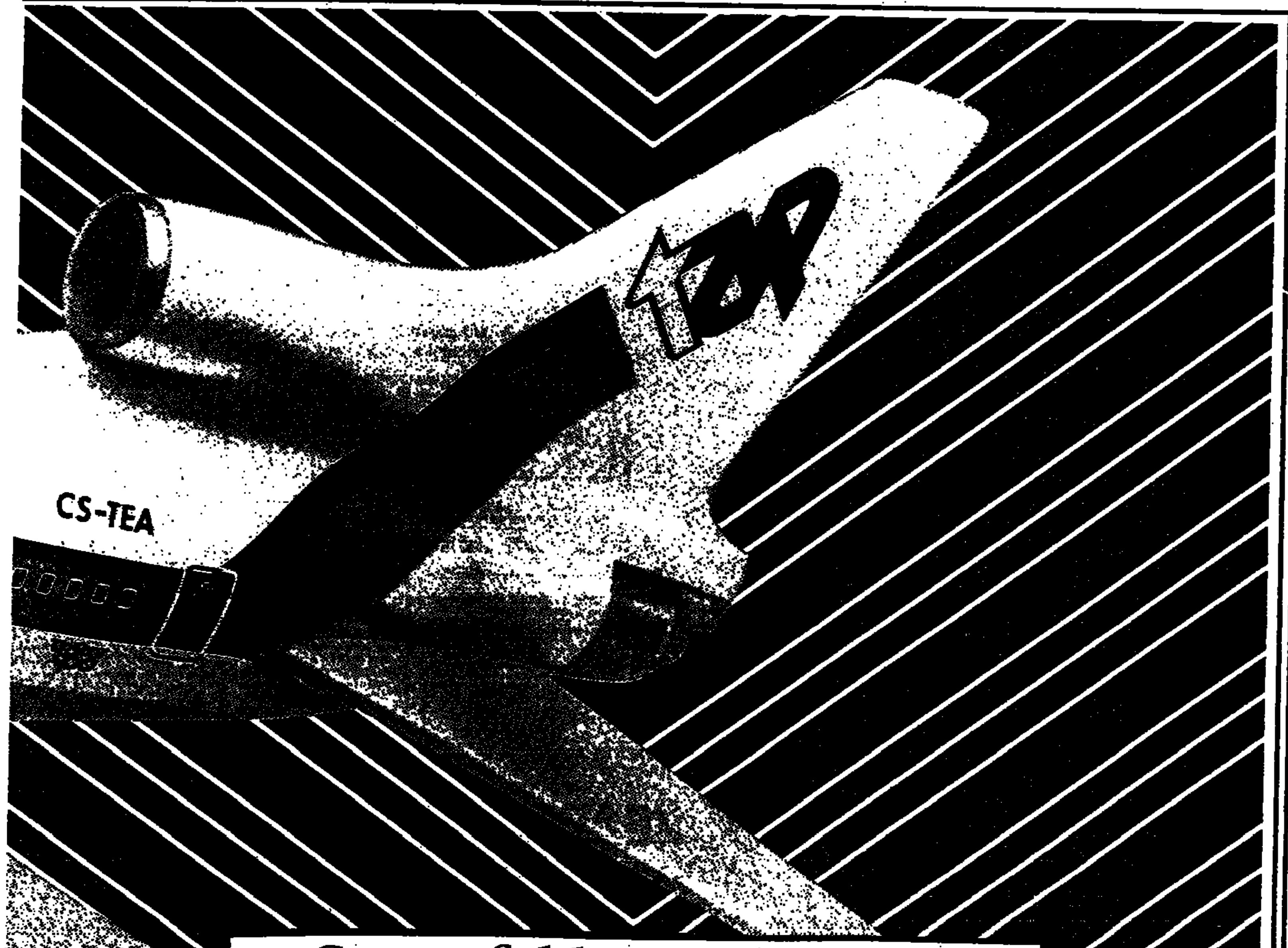

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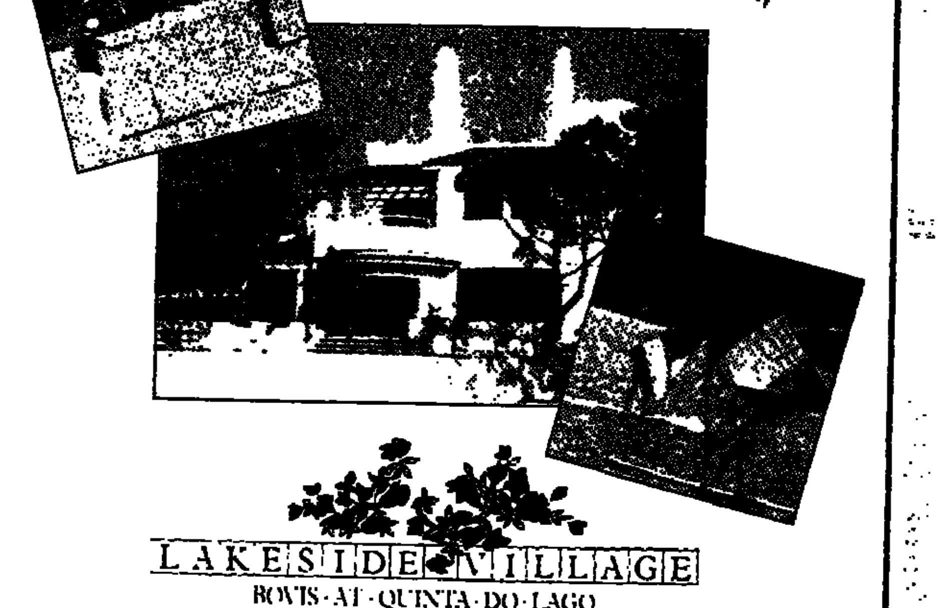

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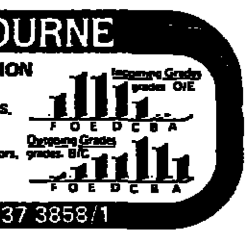

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Film - making has a glamorous image, but the trainee has to be ready for self discipline as well as artistry, says

Sally Watts

Shortly after graduating and setting up their film-making partnership last December, Dave Wiseman and Paul Turner received a commission from the Terrence Higgins Trust to make an anti-Aids film.

Their 82 - seconds production, *Gearing up for Safer Sex*, has been on ITN, the Central Office of Information has bought a copy and the film is now showing in pubs and clubs. It took two weeks to make, with Paul editing and Dave directing.

In the exciting, creative, fast-moving career of film-making, success can come early, late, or perhaps not at all. Like photography, it takes artistry plus professionalism and a thorough knowledge of highly sophisticated equipment and techniques.

Dave and Paul left West Surrey College of Art and Design, at Farnham, Surrey, last summer with their BA (Hons) in film and video. (The department also has schools of photography and animation). They started their production company, CleanCut Film and Television, through the Enterprise Allowance Scheme, so each receives £40 a week during their first year and both have invested £1,000 from their savings and what they could borrow (one of the conditions of EAS).

With their first film, and a commercial for a car radio, they have made a good start and now have several more at the planning stage, are applying to funding bodies and hope their commercial work will help to fund non-commercial productions.

Dave, who handles the pre-production side, is 29 and went to Farnham as a mature student; while on course he won two "best production" awards, one from the British Film Institute, the second in the student category at Bracknell Video Festival. Paul, who is a few years younger and went to Farnham after a foundation year, does the post - production work.

College places are oversubscribed

Says Dave: "We're busy and optimistic but there is tough competition, so you need motivation, drive and contacts. We're finding you have to push quite hard to get noticed."

Entry to this rapidly - developing profession is via on - the - job training at a studio or a good film school; in a few cases this may lead to one of the limited places on the National Film and Television's School post-graduate diploma course. School and college places are also limited in comparison to the demand, so are heavily over-subscribed.

"This is a well-paid growth industry", says Claire Mussell, head of film and video at West Surrey. "The increase in video has been enormous and many students have already made films before coming here. A lot set up their own company when they leave, encouraged by the growth in pop productions and advertising, and the fact that a lot of work is contracted, including all Channel 4 films."

Applicants to West Surrey should either have completed a foundation course at art school or should have five O and A-levels. Exceptions are made for people who have practical experience or have been with a film workshop. A number of colleges, like West Surrey, include lectures on ownership, and the BFI also runs short business courses.

Like film-making, photography is an increasingly popular career — the British Institute of Professional Photography receives several hundred inquiries a month, largely from 14 to 15 - year olds, choosing their subjects for the public examinations.

Here, too, courses are over-subscribed; they range from degree studies to the Business and Technician Education Council's diplomas, the National and the Higher National. The NHD can sometimes be followed by a further year known as PQE, or Professional Qualifying Examination, successful completion of which virtually guarantees a job.

Other beginners train by working for a photographic business and attending day release courses. These are few and far between, but some consider this the ideal approach, combining a variety of practical experience with formal tuition.

A career in photography offers a variety of choices, and it is important to decide early on which type of work interests you so that you can plan your training. The short book list at the end of this article includes a title that will guide you through the maze of where and what to study, for which branch of the profession.

Industrial work may include taking pictures of new products and equipment, or working with the research and development or quality control departments.

Other specialized areas include science; astronomy and space research; medical work, which requires sophisticated equipment and techniques for internal photography or tracing the progress of diseases and treatments, and may include preparing slides for medical lectures. But the work is not well paid, and some supplement their income by spare-time jobs, such as weddings.

Other photographers specialize in aerial or underwater work, in forensic photography — recording the details of an accident or the scene of a crime for Scotland Yard or a local police force — in architecture or museum work, or in research for a university or other educational establishment.

Better - known careers include media work (television and the press, the latter sometimes leading to photo-journalism), specializing in portraiture or working for a local photographic business.

Quite often, general photographers work towards having their own business, perhaps combining it with picture framing or with selling equipment.

Both self-employment and owning their own business are popular with many younger photographers, like 25-year-old Paul Robinson, who set up on his own last autumn and is succeeding in establishing himself as a fashion photographer. (Careers in both fashion and advertising are much sought-after and are therefore highly competitive).

Paul trained by taking a diploma course at a college in West Yorkshire — a better plan than working part-time, he thinks, because it is only at college that one is free to experiment — then moved to London and got a job as full - time assistant to an established food photographer.

Eight months later he began freelancing, hiring himself out as assistant to various photographers in order, he says, "to get into the idea of working for myself. As a freelance assistant you are dependent on yourself, you learn to organize your own life and experience all types of work. So it's worth spending at least three years at this."

Which is what Paul did. The pay was good, so he was able to spend quite a lot of money, and much of his spare time, preparing for his chosen work in fashion. He hired studios, models, hair and make-up people to build up a portfolio of fashion shots — not for payment but simply to show to editors and advertising directors.

Studios are set up on borrowed money

"You feel the market and see if you're ready," he says, and when the time arrived last September he borrowed £2,000 from the bank, for which his mother stood security, and set up his studio at Honor Oak Park, London.

The moral, of course, is that technical skills alone are not enough: you need dedication, hard work and, if you want your own business, more than a dash of enterprise, too.

- *Where to Study — photography, film, video, television, compiled by Edward Martin, published by the British Journal of Photography and available from Henry Greenwood, 28 Great James Street, London WC1N 3HL. £6.50 if called for, £7.25 by post.*
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With a particular interest in human and economic Geography, and with a willingness to contribute to fieldwork activities.

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TEACHER
To join a strong department and teach at all levels in the school.

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Applications should be sent as soon as possible with curriculum vitae and the names of at least two referees to The Acting Master, **Haileybury, Hertford. SG13 7NU.** *from* whom further particulars of each post may be obtained.

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SEPTEMBER, 1987
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Tonbridge is an independent HMC boarding/day school for 650 boys from 13 to 18.
Salary is Burnham plus, with accommodation for married or unmarried candidates.
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The Headmaster
Tonbridge School
Tonbridge, Kent TN9 1JP

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The Secretary, St. Leonards Lodge, Abbey Walk,
St. Andrews, Fife, KY16 9Lb.
Closing date for applications is Monday 16th March, 1987.

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SCHOOL
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Required for
September, 1987
Deputy Head
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UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL
(UNIVERSITY OF LONDON)

Appointment of Dean

The Academic Board and Council of the Medical School propose to appoint a Dean on the resignation of the present Dean, Dr. R. J. West MB BS MD FRCP DCH DObst RCOG on 31 July 1987. The School will be flexible with regard to the terms and conditions of appointment (for example whether full-time or part-time) in order to place the highest priority on finding the most suitable candidate for the post which it is envisaged will be for a period of three years in the first instance renewable for a further period of three years. Persons, preferably medically qualified, of appropriate seniority with substantial experience of teaching, research and academic administration who might wish to be considered for the post, or persons wishing to bring such candidates to the attention of the Search Committee, are invited to write in confidence to Dr. J. A. Firth, Chairman of the Academic Board, Department of Anatomy, St. George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, Tooting, London SW17 0RE, from whom further particulars are available. The Search Committee hopes to consider suitable persons by 31 March 1987.

CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE, OXFORD

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Applications are invited for the post of Domestic Bursar to be responsible to the Bursar for the day-to-day administration of the domestic activities in the College, i.e. catering, accommodation and conference facilities. It is expected that the successful candidate will have considerable managerial experience in the catering industry, hotels, or other residential establishments.

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Dekan der Fakultät für Informatik
Universität Karlsruhe
Postfach 6980
7500 Karlsruhe
Federal Republic of Germany

UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW
PRINCIPAL

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The University Court invites any candidate of appropiate experience and background, or anyone wishing to suggest names for consideration, to write in confidence to The Chancellor's Assessor, Robert C. Smith, CBE, MA, LLD, CA, not later than 31st March 1987.

Communications for Dr Smith should be sent to him, c/o The Secretary of the University Court, The University, Glasgow, G12 8QQ.

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BURSAR

This post-graduate College in the University of Oxford invites applicants from suitably qualified persons for the post of Bursar, which will become vacant at the end of the current academic year. The Bursar is responsible for the management of the College's financial and business affairs, for its general administration, including staff and pension matters, and for the College's major building and repair work. Catering, housekeeping and allocation of accommodation are administered separately by the Domestic Bursar.

The appointment is expected to be on a full-time basis, with a salary in the range of £15-20K, but the College is willing to consider other arrangements. The post will be associated with a Fellowship of the College, which would entitle the holder to certain other emoluments.

Accommodation may be available. A starting date within the period July - September 1987 is envisaged, by arrangement with the successful candidate.

Further particulars of the post and the College may be obtained from the President, Wolfson College, Oxford OX2 6UD to whom applications should be sent by 6 March 1987.

UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL

TEMPORARY LECTURESHIPS IN ECONOMIC HISTORY AND HISTORY

Applications are invited for a TEMPORARY LECTURESHIP IN ECONOMIC HISTORY. Candidates should be specialists in any area of the economic history of the post-1850 period.

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Full particulars of the appointment, together with relevant documents concerning the Medical School, and application forms may be obtained from the Deputy Registrar and Secretary, Medical School, Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham NG7 2UH to whom applications should be returned by 14th March 1987.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH
LECTURESHIP

The English Department intends to make a junior lectureship appointment in the Medieval field. An interest in Middle English Literature and, in particular, in Chaucer, is desired. Candidates who are able to teach the literature of later periods, the history of the language, or modern English language should make this clear.

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Candidates should submit 8 copies of their application giving names and addresses of two referees to Senior Assistant Secretary (Personnel), University College London, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT.

Closing date: 12 March 1987.

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Applications, including the names of three referees, should be sent by 6 March, 1987 to:

The Secretary,
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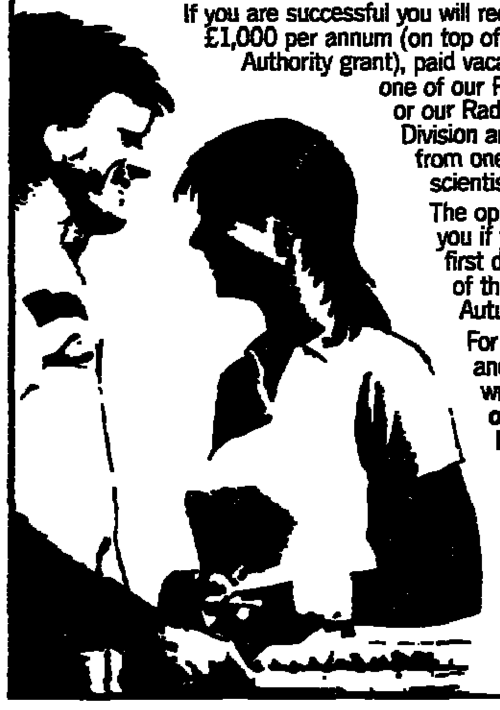

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The Warden,
Keble College,
Oxford, OX1 3PG

To whom applications should be submitted not later than 13 March 1987.

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The Chairman of the Governors,
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LONDON BUSINESS SCHOOL

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'Person aggrieved' over trade mark

In re Warrington Inc's Application

Before Lord Justice Purchas, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Balcombe

[Judgment February 5]

An applicant for rectification of the Register of Trade Marks might be a "person aggrieved" by an entry in the register, and hence have *locus standi*, notwithstanding that he had sought relief wider than that to which he was entitled.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment, allowing an appeal by the applicant, Warrington Inc (formerly Greb Industries Ltd), from an order of Mr Justice Whitford, who on February 12, 1985 had allowed an appeal by Kodak Ltd against the decision of the Assistant Registrar of Trade Marks on March 9, 1984, to amend the specification of Kodak Ltd's Registered Trade Mark No 462,429 so as to exclude footwear from the goods to which it applied.

Section 26(1) of the Trade Marks Act 1938 provides: "... a registered trade mark may be taken off the register in respect of any of the goods in respect of which it is registered on an application by any person aggrieved ... on the ground ... (*b*) that up to the date one month before the date of the application a continuous period of five years or longer elapsed during which the trade mark was ... registered ... and during which there was no *bona fide* use thereof in relation to those goods by any proprietor thereof for the time being: Provided that ... the tribunal may refuse an application made under paragraph (*b*) ... in relation to any goods if it is shown that there has been, before the relevant date or during the relevant period ... *bona fide* use of the trade mark by any proprietor thereof for the time being in relation to goods of the same desciption, being goods in respect of which the trade mark is registered."

Mr Alastair Wilson for the applicant; Mr Simon Thorley for Kodak Ltd.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said the name "Kodak" had since 1925 been protected by, *inter alia*, Trade Mark No 462,429 which applied to all articles of clothing.

The applicant, a Canadian company, had applied to register the trade mark "Kodiak" in the United Kingdom in respect of boots, shoes and slippers and, in pursuance of that application, had applied for the removal of the entry in respect of Kodak's mark on the ground that Kodak had not made *bona fide* use of it in respect of clothing in the previous five years and that the applicant was a person aggrieved by the entry wrongly remaining on the register.

The assistant registrar had rejected Kodak's preliminary point that the applicant was not a person aggrieved in that its application sought total removal of the mark, whereas the applicant's evidence showed that it was only interested in boots, shoes and slippers. Finding that there had been no use of the mark in relation to such footwear, he had amended the specification to exclude footwear.

The judge, on Kodak's appeal, had held that the applicant had no *locus standi* in that it was not a person aggrieved by the entry to which its application related, since its interest did not extend to all clothing but only to footwear. He had then refused to allow the applicant to amend its application, to limit it to footwear, on the ground that it was too late.

The construction of section 26(1) accepted by the judge involved reading in words to limit the grievance to particular goods in which the applicant traded or wished to trade. There was no justification for so qualifying the words "any person aggrieved": they had been intended only to preclude applications by those who had no proper interest to be protected.

The applicant was a person aggrieved because it had found its application to register its trade mark in respect of footwear blocked by the presence on the register of Kodak's mark for all items of clothing.

That gave it the necessary *locus standi* to prosecute its application, and the fact that it had sought relief wider than that to which it might establish that it was entitled (whether because it could show an interest in only a limited range of the goods covered or because it could not prove non-user of the whole class) was *nihil ad rem*.

The judge's construction would require an applicant to judge the width of his application exactly. If he applied to rectify to much he would be non-suited; if he applied to rectify too little he could find that he was still precluded from registering his own mark by section 12(1) of the 1938 Act. Any construction which led to such an unsatisfactory result was not attractive to his Lordship.

The House of Lords' decision in *Powell v Birmingham Vinegar Brewery Co Ltd* ([1894] AC 8; (1894) 11 RPC 4) was strong persuasive authority against the judge's construction. *In re Marshall's Applications* ((1943) 60 RPC 147, 151) and *In re Apollinaris Co's Trade-Marks* ([1891] 2 Ch 186; (1891) 8 RPC 137, 182) were to the like effect.

The only case which appeared to support the judge's construction was *Lever Brothers, Port Sunlight Ltd v Sunniwite Products Ltd* ((1949) 66 RPC 84).

In his Lordship's judgment that case was only authority for the proposition that if an applicant for rectification failed to show that he traded or intended to trade in a particular class of goods included in the registration, then he should not normally be granted rectification in respect of those goods. If it went further it should not be followed.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL, concurring, said that on a careful analysis the *Lever Borthers* case provided no support for the argument that "person aggrieved" should be construed restrictively.

The registration of Kodak's mark, extending to all clothing, not only exposed the applicant to the risk of an action for infringement but would also stand in the way of its application for a limited registration in respect of footwear.

The registration was not worded so that different classes of goods could be looked at disjunctively, and there was no basis in principle or authority for holding that the applicant was not a person aggrieved by the present registration.

Lord Justice Purchas agreed.

Solicitors: P Gladwin & Co; Bristows Cooke & Carpmael

Gas powered revolver is a firearm

Regina v Thorpe

Before Lord Justice Stephen Brown, Mr Justice Kenneth Jones and Mr Justice Turner

[Judgment January 29]

A Crossman model 38T .177 revolver with six chambers for pellets that could be shot out of the barrel by the release of compressed carbon dioxide from a disposable cylinder held in the butt was a firearm within section 1(1)(q) of the Firearms Act 1968 and was not excepted from requiring a firearm certificate as an "air weapon" within section 1(3)(b), even though the pellet was discharged with a kinetic energy of only 2 ft lb.

The maximum permissible kinetic energy for an excepted air pistol under the Firearms (Dangerous Air Weapons) Rules (SI 1969 No 47) was 6 ft lb.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Stephen Thorpe, aged 27, of Northolt, Middlesex, from conviction at Isleworth Crown Court (Mr Recorder Langley and a jury) of possessing a firearm without a firearm certificate. He was conditionally discharged for 12 months and a forfeiture order was made in respect of the revolver.

Mr Matthew Pascall, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Paul Clark for the Crown.

MR JUSTICE KENNETH JONES, giving the judgment of the court, said that two issues were raised on appeal: (1) whether the revolver was a firearm; and (2) if so, whether it was nevertheless exempt as an air weapon.

Their Lordships had had the advantage of seeing the revolver, which at first sight looked exactly like a .38 or a .45 revolver. The pellets, there were two types, were airgun pellets. The six pellets could be discharged in quick succession.

A forensic scientist stated for the prosecution that, if the revolver were fired at close range it would penetrate to about three-quarters of an inch, could penetrate skin and shatter an eye. He had known of cases where serious injury had resulted from weapons of similar kinetic energy and was of the view that it could cause an injury from which death could result.

A defence expert agreed that such a gun of 2 ft lb kinetic energy, if fired at the eye between point-blank range and 25 to 30 yards could cause catastrophic damage. He had yet to find an example of a weapon of that kinetic value causing death.

The jury were directed that the question for them was whether the revolver was capable of causing injury from which death might result if misused.

The recorder directed them that they were not concerned with any question whether the revolver was an air weapon because he had ruled that, in law, that meant a weapon which was fired by air effectively and there was no dispute that air had nothing to do with the discharge of the weapon.

Mr Pascall's appeal against the correctness of the ruling failed. Their Lordships had no hesitation in concluding that they could not give to the words "air weapon" any other than their normal and ordinary meaning; that is, that propulsion was derived from or caused by use of air. Those words could not be expanded to cover the weapon in the instant case.

Mr Pascall's other point was that the weapon did not come within the 1968 Act at all. He concentrated attention on the word "lethal" in the definition of "firearm" in section 57(1) as meaning a "lethal barelled weapon" from which a bullet could be discharged.

In the course of his submission he referred to *Read v Donovan* ([1974] KB 326), which concerned a signal pistol and was a judgment of Lord Goddard, Lord Chief Justice. He referred also to *Moore v Gooderham* ([1960] 1 WLR 1308), a judgment of Lord Parker, Lord Chief Justice, a case concerning a Diana airgun, in which he laid down the meaning to be attributed to "lethal" and that the test was of a weapon which, when misused, was capable of causing injury from which death might result.

Mr Pascall, in no way lacking in boldness, submitted that their Lordships' court should adopt a different test to be applied and to overrule the decisions of the two Lords Chief Justices presiding over the Divisional Court, even though they were made and reported before the passing of the 1968 Act.

The terminology of the 1968 Act was the same as previously. That aroused the obvious inference that the draftsmen of the 1968 Act had had the two decisions well in mind.

He invited their Lordships to give "lethal" its natural meaning of causing, sufficient, or designed to cause death, and that, therefore, the test to be applied was of a weapon capable of causing injuries of a more than trivial nature and of a kind which it might reasonably be expected could lead to death.

Quite apart from the difficulty of importing into the definition the concept of reasonable expectation, their Lordships could find no warrant for changing the test which was laid down by Lord Parker in 1961 and had carried the day for over 25 years.

The appeal was dismissed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Isleworth.

Surety covenant passes without mention

Coastplace Ltd v Hartley and Another

Before Mr Justice French

[Judgment February 3]

The benefit of a covenant of surety passed on the assignment of a reversion without express mention or express assignment.

Mr Justice French so held in the Queen's Bench Division in finding a preliminary point of law in favour of the plaintiff.

Miss Caroline Hutton for the plaintiff; Mr Paul De La Piquerie for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE FRENCH said the case concerned a preliminary point of law in which the facts were agreed.

By a lease dated November 24, 1978 between the landlords, the Portman Family Trustees, and the original tenants, Taylor and Wishart Ltd, and the original surety, Mr William Wishart, the landlords granted the tenants a lease of 6 Duke Street, Westminster, for 11 years.

In the lease "landlord" was defined as including "the person/s from time to time entitled to the reversion immediately expectant upon the determination of the said term".

The original surety covenanted with the landlords and their successors in title that the surety would pay the rent in the event of the tenants failing to do so.

On an unspecified date but after the grant of the lease, the Portman Family Trustees assigned the reversion to the Berkeley Trustees.

By a deed of licence dated November 11, 1982 between the Berkeley Trustees, the original tenants and their assignees, Larchwood Properties Ltd., the Berkeley Trustees licensed the original tenants to assign their lease to Larchwood Properties Ltd on terms and conditions set out in the deed of licence which provided for two new sureties, namely Mr Hartley and Mr Cathcart.

On July 9, 1985 the Berkeley Trustees granted the plaintiffs a reversionary lease of the premises.

The reversionary lease contained no express mention of the surety covenants nor express assignment of them.

Rent due was not paid and the plaintiffs claimed they were entitled to recover it from the sureties.

The plaintiffs relied on *Griffith v Pelton* ([1958] Ch 205) in which the Court of Appeal held mere assignment of a reversion operated an assignment of an option and accordingly the benefit of the option was vested in the plaintiff in that case.

In the instant case, for the defendants to succeed, *Griffith v Pelton* had to be distinguished and that could only be done on the basis that case concerned an option rather than a surety.

The defendants sought, however, to rely on four recent authorities, namely *Pinemain v Welbeck International* ((1984) 272 EG 1166), *In re Distributors and Warehousing Ltd* ((1986) 278 EG 1363), *Pinemain v Tuck* (unreported) and *Kumar v Dunning* ((1986) 279 EG 223).

All four cases concerned the enforceability of covenants of surety where the reversion had been assigned. No case involved express assignment and no case had facts, so far as material, which could be distinguished. In each the assignee was held to have failed as the benefit of a covenant of surety could not pass without express assignment.

However, the judges in the four cases erred in failing properly to apply *Griffith v Pelton*.

His Lordship sought to apply the reasoning of *Griffith v Pelton* to hold that the covenants benefited the landlord in his capacity as such.

There was no valid distinction between a covenant of option and a covenant of surety. There was no suggestion in the reasoning of the Court of Appeal in *Griffith v Pelton* that the subject matter of the covenant was especially relevant to the decision.

The benefit of the covenant therefore passed to the plaintiff without express assignment.

Solicitors: Manches & Co; Freeman Box & Co.

Granting jury request was irregular

Regina v Thomas (Horatio Gerald)

The action of a trial judge in granting a request made by a jury, after it had retired, that it should be provided with a map amounted to a material irregularity where the map had not been part of the evidence in the trial and where counsel were not consulted or given the opportunity of examining it.

Lord Justice Watkins (sitting with Mr Justice Kenneth Jones and Mr Justice Turner) so stated on February 3 when the Court of Appeal, applying the proviso to section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968, dismissed the appeal of Horatio Gerald Thomas against his conviction on August 19, 1986 at Southampton Crown Court (Judge Starforth Hill, QC and a jury) of unlawful wounding, for which be was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the judge's action ran counter to all guidance that had been given on how a jury's request should be dealt with, and introduced two errors in principle.

However, there was no reason to suppose that the provision of the map made any difference to the jury's consideration of the appellant's guilt, and there had been no miscarriage of justice.

Interest blot on justice at tribunals

Caledonian Mining Co Ltd v Bassett and Another

When dismissing an employers' appeal from an industrial tribunal's award of redundancy payments, the *Employment Appeal Tribunal* (Mr Justice Popplewell, Mr R. H. Phipps and Mr E. H. Webb) said on February 5 that it was a blot on the administration of justice that interest on a monetary award which was available to parties in the High Court, was not available to litigants before an industrial tribunal.

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL said that the employees had been dismissed over three years ago and had therefore been kept out of their money for that time. The time it had taken for the matter to be resolved was not due to any fault of theirs.

The introduction of interest did not require primary legislation and involved no expenditure of money from public sources.

Successive presidents of the appeal tribunal had pointed out that it was a blot on the administration of justice and it was to be hoped that at an early stage those who were responsible for the administration of industrial relations law would remedy the deplorable situation.

Safe approach not part of safe port warranty

Atkins International HA of Vaduz v Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines

Before Lord Justice Parker, Lord Justice Bingham and Sir Denys Buckley

[Judgment February 2]

In the absence of an express safe port warranty, an express safe berth warranty in a vogage charterparty did not render the charterers liable for war damage occurring while the vessel was still aproaching the port and before a berth had been nominated.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by the owners of the vessel A P J Priti from Mr Justice Saville who on June 9, 1986, dismissed their appeal from two arbitrators who on February 14, 1986, decided a preliminary point on the construction of the charterparty in favour of the charterers.

Mr Stewart Boyd, QC and Mr Michael Collins for the owners; Mr Timothy Young for the charterers.

LORD JUSTICE PARKER said that it was clear the parties were aware that the voyage would be conducted in a war risks area, with the three possible discharging ports, Bandar Abbas, Bandar Bushire and Bandar Khomeini, each progressively nearer to the main scene of the conflict between Iran and Iraq.

There was no express safe port warranty such as had existed in, for example, *The Mary Lou* ([1981] 1 Lloyd's Rep 272); nor could such a warranty have been implied.

But it was argued that the provision in box 11 of the amended Gencon form of charterparty for "1/2 safe berths" was as extensive as a safe port warranty, perhaps more extensive, and covered the whole of the approach voyage.

But his Lordship could find no support for that contention in either *The Evia (No 2)* ([1983] 1 AC 736) or the definition of safe port in the *Eastern City* ([1958] 2 Lloyd's Rep 127,131).

The only express promise made was that at the time the order was given to proceed to a particular berth that berth was prospectively safe. That promise could not be broken before the obligation to nominate the berth arose and thus would not cover the approach voyage.

Lord Justice Bingham and Sir Denys Buckley delivered concurring judgments.

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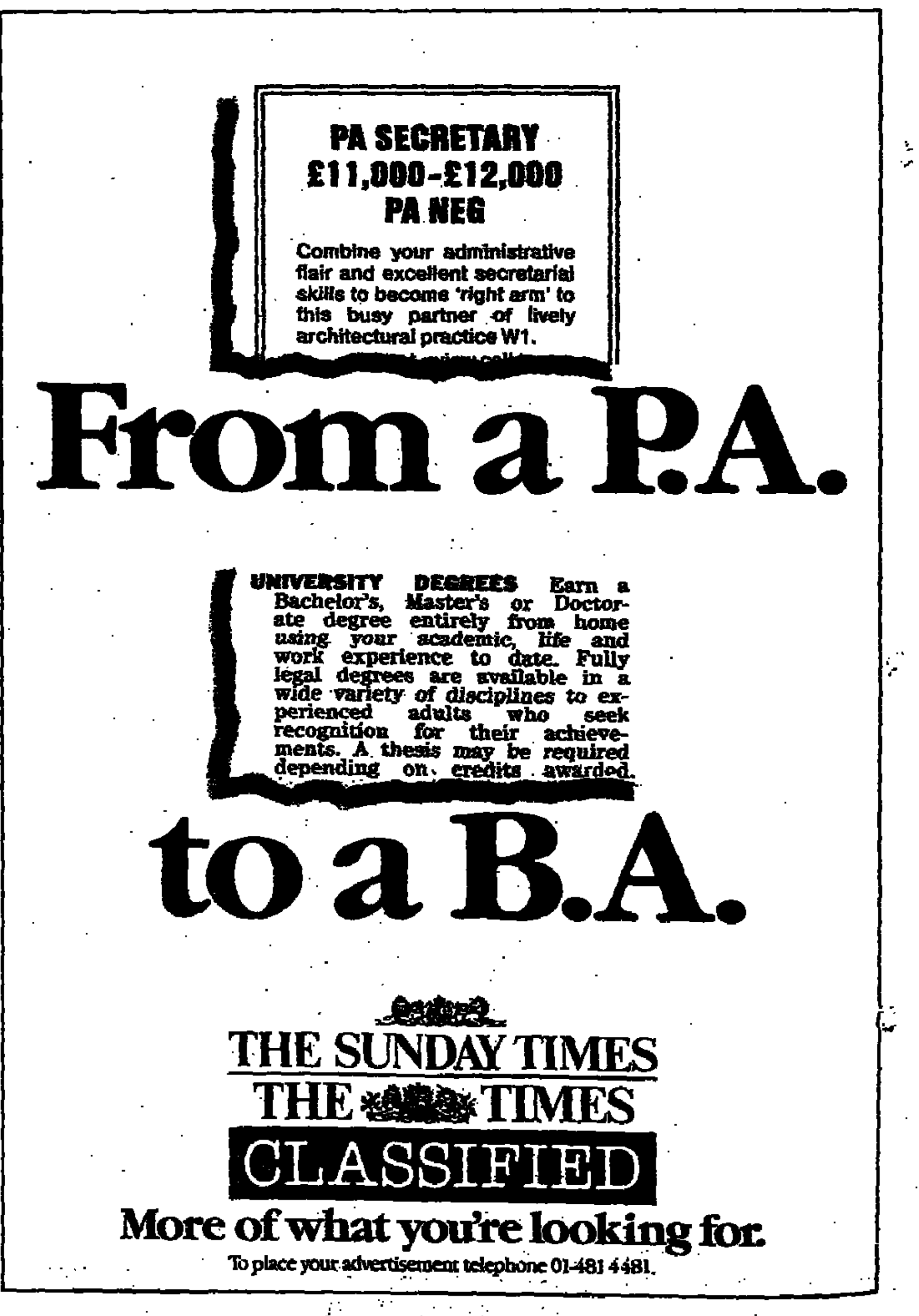

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RUGBY UNION

Scoreless display leaves the England cupboard looking decidedly bare

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
Dublin

Ireland 17
England 0

The Irish seesaw, which hit the ground with a resounding thud last season, has rebounded once more. Ireland strode into the delayed Five Nations championship season on Saturday at Lansdowne Road with a win in the Digital international by a goal, two tries and a penalty goal to nil, while playing far from their best against an English side which ended the game in total disarray.

Michael Doyle, Ireland's coach, Lenihan, the captain, and Dean, the leader of the backs, had a brief chat on the morning of the match when they knew the good weather of the previous seven weeks was about to break. Having trained so long for a game of movement and pace, they agreed to revert instead to the traditional Irish game; the rain descended, the wind slanted down the pitch and, in a game which occasionally turned as spiteful as the weather, the Irish kicked the leather off the ball and chased like furies.

But even then they played with their heads up, looking for space. Their last try came because Kiernan, hoping to benefit yet again from an English mistake, had the good sense to put the ball where the cover was not, and Crossan's speed did the rest. England, after a first 40 minutes which should have boosted their confidence, played like men looking down a series of tunnels, hoping for a light which never came.

In view of the immense amount of hard work England have put into their preparations, it is desperately sad to say that their second-half display was an abject catalogue of errors. The hub of the team, the link between No. 8, scrum half and stand-off half, broke down completely; on paper England came close to sharing the lineout but in fact, Ireland played havoc with the ball won by Hall and Redman.

There was a great well of emptiness in the English display which was not entirely to do with the harrying of Matthews, Carr and Anderson. Even when they forced potential attacking positions England conceded them, either through lack of discipline or lack of basic skills.

"I expected more composure from England," Doyle said. "When conditions like that appear suddenly it exposes skills, or lack of them, very badly. The team that stays composed and keeps it simple will overcome the elements to a certain extent."

Ireland's greater international experience, was evident on the few occasions they found themselves defending: tidy ball to the scrum half, out to Dean, across to Crossan, away from danger.

Their tactical approach was unveiled in the opening minutes when Dean sent the ball soaring skywards, England having given their hosts first use of the wind. Rose took the catch and went on to give a splendidly solid display at full back before leaving the field two minutes into injury time in the first half. The tragedy for him was that he had not left two minutes earlier, shaken by a hard, high but not late tackle from Carr. The bang on his face dislodged his contact lenses, causing considerable watering of the eyes and impaired vision. He decided to stay on, hoping the trouble would clear and instantly had to deal with a high ball from MacNeill. He misjudged it, Andrew knocked on, an Irish boot hacked the ball forward and Kiernan got the touch.

FIVE NATIONS TABLE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Ireland	1	1	0	17	0	2
France	1	1	0	16	9	2
Wales	1	0	1	9	16	0
England	1	0	1	0	17	0
Scotland	0	0	0	0	0	0

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MacNeill had gained possession from a missed penalty touch-kick by Andrew. It meant that England, instead of turning round with the wind and the rain at their backs only 3-0 down, trailed 9-0. For Martin Green, England's coach, it was the turning point of the match but it need not have been if England had succeeded in tidying-up their set pieces.

Instead their scrum was destructively wheeled and Ireland's blocking tactics at the lineout, unhindered by the referee, erased the inexperienced Cusani's prospects; Dawe, another debutant, did nothing wrong but only Hall and Winterbottom emerged with credit, Hall for his work at close quarters, Winterbottom for his ceaseless energy which brought him so close to a try in the first half after he had charged down Dean's clearance and forced MacNeill to concede a five-metre scrum. Hall's game was enhanced because Ireland decided to use the blind side so frequently but their control of a slippery ball was indifferent and Hall did the rest.

Bradley was one of the few backs whose handling remained sure throughout the match. The ball was like a bar of soap, Lenihan said, but Bradley evidently spends a long time in the shower because his passing was good and his raking kicks kept his forwards driving upfield. He had an excellent match, in contrast to Hill whose passing and judgement deteriorated as his forward problems increased. Whatever excitement may be contained in either back division, little was seen of it save for two flickers from Harrison whose ability to get past Crossan would have disconcerted Irish eyes.

England's scoring chances were limited to two penalty attempts in the first half and one in the second. Rose missed the first, Andrew the second and Barnes, winning his seventh cap (his fourth as a replacement full back), the third. Kiernan missed two penalties and hit an upright with a drop kick in the first half but scored his team's first nine points and set up the positions from which Matthews, peeling round the front of the lineout, scored over the top of Underwood's tackle, and Crossan rubbed the injury-time salt into English wounds. It is 14 years since England failed to score in an international and, just at the moment it is not easy to see where they are going to open this season's account.

SCORERS: Ireland: Tries: Kiernan, Matthews, Crossan. Conversion: Kiernan. Penalty: Kiernan.

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ENGLAND: W M H Rose (Harlequins, rep: S Barnes, Bath); M E Harrison (Wakefield), J L B Salmon (Harlequins), K G Simms (Wasps), R Underwood (Leicester); C R Andrew (Wasps), R J Hill (Bath, capt); P A G Rendall (Wasps), R G R Dawe (Bath), G S Pearce (Northampton), J P Hall (Bath), N C Redman (Bath), D A Cusani (Orrell), P J Winterbottom (Headingley), P D Simpson (Bath).

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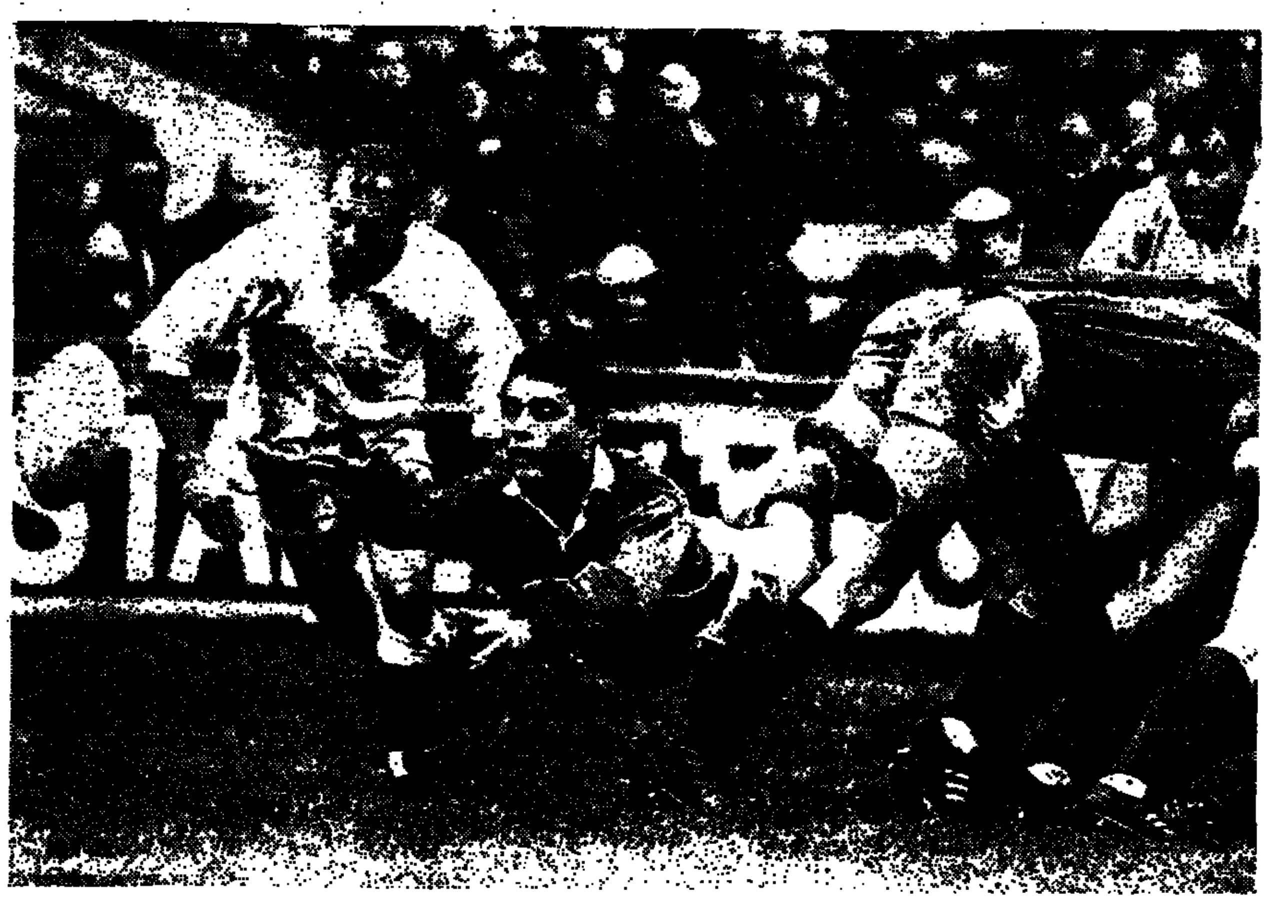

Lift-off: Irishman Bradley gets airborne to deliver a pass as England's Hill maintains pursuit (Photograph: Ian Stewart).

Stoppages upset the French

From Chris Than
Paris

A French journalist observed after the game in Paris that Tudor Jones, the Welsh physiotherapist, must have been the fittest man on the field, as he dashed on and off Parc des Princes on 14 occasions. One of those early forays ended with the Welsh full back, Paul Thorburn, being helped off the field with a broken collar bone.

The Welsh made no other changes, despite a flurry of injuries, particularly in the second half. Daniel Dubroca, the French captain, was irritated by the number of breakdowns. He approached Colin High, the English referee, trying to express his frustration.

"We won't go on", Dubroca said in broken English, implying that the repeated stoppages — 21 according to a French count — were disrupting the French pattern. Thinking that Dubroca was worried only about lost time, High indicated on his watch that he was noting the injury periods.

After the game, French players were saying that they thought the Welsh were either quite unfit and injury prone, or that the breakdowns were skilfully staged in order to allow the Welsh to settle after and during moments of intense French pressure. They pointed out that the French physiotherapist entered the field only once.

Such allegations are quite emotional, and the intentional element is always difficult to prove, if it does exist at all.

The Welsh may claim that the extent of their casualties was provoked by over-vigorous French play, though the game was quite clean and free of any mindless violence. Even Thorburn, sidelined for eight weeks by Blanco's shoulder charge, acknowledged that the tackle was fair.

Thorburn injury could rule him out of the World Cup

From Gerald Davies
Paris

France 16
Wales 9

France are a very good team. That much has to be said. It could be a brilliant one but, presently, they are not. That much has to be said, too. By beating Wales by a goal, a try and two penalties to three penalties they will have got the result which was finally their due to begin the championship campaign on a successful, though not particularly convincing note.

It was a rather ordinary international in which there was far too much kicking and the excitement was sustained only by the thought of the final outcome rather than the quality of the play. The victory was a long time coming and left the impression, with all the talent available, that they make winning matches, even on their own patch, more difficult for themselves than ought to be the case. There is so much spare capacity, which is called upon in fits and starts, that they might, therefore, find the remaining hurdles, especially the two they will have to play away from home, even more of a problem to surmount.

There is a brittleness at the core of the team. Though brittleness may seem a curious word to use in relation to so powerful a unit, it has nothing to do with the combination of players they have, but rather with the tactical, waiting game which they seem to want to employ to establish their territory and thus hope to break the back of the opposition by force at forward.

Their brilliance, and they have such a capacity for it, is on show only late in the game when either superiority has been grafted for and achieved or else, they are forced to display it as on this occasion. But however much and old romantic may quibble in observing a team, so bursting with talent, but whose potential largely remains unrealized, the score and the victory remain.

But at half-time it had stood in Wales's favour with Paul Thorburn, having missed two earlier chances, and easier ones too, thumping three penalties, one of them, the first, from 55 metres or so, and another from the half-way line, to underline his value to the team. The third was a simpler effort. Berot had kicked a penalty for France.

In the 37th minute Thorburn had to come off after a crushing tackle from Blanco, chasing his own high kick ahead, which broke the Welsh full back's collarbone and means he will not play again this season and is unlikely to be there for Wales in the World Cup. Having kicked 52 of Wales's 74 points last season and all of Saturday's, he is going to be sorely missed. Where will the points, in future, accrue? Dacey, who replaced him, gave a very creditable performance.

If all this is a bleak prospect, then Wales may feel confident in that they have found a sound front five in the scrum. Here the front row played well, Evans in particular having a fine game, and gave a solid foundation; their lineout combination, too, with Sutton and Norster roaming up and down with great success. The return here went in Wales's favour by 27-16, 14-5 was the disparity at half-time and in all 12 of those won were against France's throw-in.

Wales, then, would have appeared to have more than matched their opponents but there was no further gear-change possible to force them on further and to drive the point home. But there was for France. And the impetus came from the towering and all-encompassing presence of their three back row men, Erbani, Rodriguez and, particularly, Champ. They had a marvellous game. Their upper body power in the ruck and maul and their speed around the field was, simply, too much for Wales to withstand.

Pickering's brave efforts were solitary and without sufficient support — both Moriarty and Davies were not seen often enough. Time and time again the loose ball went France's way. With Wales jittery in midfield, an area which must be looked at again, they played the game defensively on their heels whereas France — as was shown when Mesnel, in the sixth minute of the second half, and Bonneval, in the 32nd, scored their tries — were running nimbly on their toes.

There were two other glaring chances which went begging, too, firstly when Dubroca dropped the ball with the line at his mercy and, then, Berot who went one better and actually crossed the line, after a dazzling move with Berbizier, only to see the ball shoot out of his grasp. What glimmer of hope, and indeed it was very faint, that Wales had of recovery was extinguished when Berot kicked a penalty to add to his superb conversion, from the touchline, of Mesnel's try.

SCORERS: France: Tries: Mesnel, Bonneval. Conversion: Berot. Penalties: Berot (2). Wales: Penalties: Thorburn (3).
FRANCE: S Blanco (Biarritz); P Berot (Agen), P Sella (Agen), D Charvet (Toulouse), E Bonneval (Toulouse); F Mesnel (Racing CF), P Berbizier (Agen); P Ondarts (Biarritz), D Dubroca (Agen, capt), J-P Garuet (Lourdes), A Lorieux (Aix-les-Bains), J Condom (le Boucau), D Erbani (Agen), L Rodriguez (Montferrand), E Champ (Toulon).
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Referee: C High (England).

ICE SKATING

All doubts erased by Witt's display

From Michael Coleman
Sarajevo

Katarina Witt made a smooth defence of her European title here on Saturday and the East German must now be looking forward confidently to the world championships in Cincinnati.

Last March, Debi Thomas's seizure of the world title from Miss Witt was hailed as the healthiest development ever in the sport, opening the door as it would to more black skaters to reach the top. From all accounts however, Miss Thomas seems to have been an inevitable victim of media over-exposure and is now no longer champion of the United States.

Doubts about Miss Witt's ability to collect her fifth European title evaporated within half a minute of her taking the ice. Her triple toe into double toe combination followed quickly by triple salchow garnished with a "big dipper" spin was the writing on the wall for her Russian rivals, Kira Ivanova and Anna Kondrashova.

Two double axels and two more triples, one a salchow leading into a double flip, the other a toe loop were to follow, all well choreographed with good deep edges. Only the observant and especially those who have skated in competitons before would have noted that she avoided the triple loop, offering instead a double loop repeated.

This omission did not escape the notice of the ever-vigilant British judge, Sally Ann Stapleford, whose technical mark of 5.6 for Miss Witt contrasted with the string of 5.8s from the other eight judges.

The bronze medal went to Miss Kondrashova who, despite double-footing the landings of both her salchow and toe loop and falling on the triple loop curiously received 5.5s and 5.6s in technical marks (Miss Stapleford gave her 5.1).

A distraught Miss Leistner and the rest of us were also baffled by the computer which, before Witt came on to round off the evening, showed Miss Leistner second, below Miss Ivanova but above Miss Kondrashova.

The marks given to Miss Witt upset the preferences and poor Miss Leistner finally ended up fourth, below the Moscow girl whom, to add to the confusion, five of the four judges had voted as an inferior performer to the West German.

Gina Fulton emerged unscathed from her European baptism holding on to her 12th place out of 21. Her ambitious free programme, skated at speed and with a poise held intact despite falls, was voted 11th best.

WOMEN: Final results: 1, K Witt (EG) 3.8 factored; 2, K Ivanova (USSR) 3.8; 3, A Kondrashova (USSR) 5.6; 4, C Leistner (WG) 6.8; 5, S Becher (WG) 10.0; 6, C Villiger (Switz) 14.4; 7, T Teglassy (Hun) 16.2; 8, N Skrabnevskaya (USSR) 16.8; 9, I Voralova (Cz) 18.4; 10, A Gosselin (Fr) 20.6. British placing: 12, G Fulton, 22.4.

BOXING

Delay on Honeyghan title bout

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Any hopes, Lloyd Honeyghan, Britain's World Boxing Council and International Boxing Federation welterweight champion, might have harboured of a lucrative title unification bout with Mark Breland, after a successful defence against Johnny Bumphus on February 22, will have to be shelved.

Breland, who won the World Boxing Association title over the weekend by stopping Harold Volbrecht, of South Africa, in seven rounds, has broken his left hand and may not return to competitive boxing until the end of the summer.

Before the bout Breland's camp were casting aspersions on Honeyghan's reasons for not defending against the South African and giving up his WBA title. According to the Americans Honeyghan's decision was not so much a protest against apartheid as to stay well clear of the brilliant young American.

They could not be more wrong about Honeyghan for not only does the Bermondsey boxer fear no-one he also knows that Breland can make him very rich. Honeyghan will be disappointed about the delay over a unification bout, but he can console himself with the thought that the American's hand may not stand up under the kind of pressure Honeygan can put on him.

More will be known about Honeyghan's thinking when he returns home tomorrow from Palm Springs, California, where he has been training.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FA Cup
Fourth round
West Ham v Sheff Utd (7.45) ....

Scottish FA Cup
Third round replays
Airdrie v Dundee Utd ....
Clydebank v Falkirk ....
E Fife v Dundee ....

Third round second replays
Aberdeen v Celtic (Dens Park, Dundee, 8.0) ....
Kilmarnock v Hearts (Rugby Park, 8.0) ....

CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Leicester v Sheffield Wednesday. Second division: Grimsby v Preston.
GM ACCEPTANCE CUP: Third round: Dagenham v Hendon.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Crawley.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: Young England v Young Yugoslavia (at Hilton Hotel, London).
BOWLS: Embassy World Indoor championship (at Coatbridge, 1.0).
SNOOKER: Matchroom Welsh professional championship (Newport Centre, 10.30.).

French halt run of Scottish victories

Scotland B 9
France B 15

France brought to an end a run of three consecutive B international defeats by Scotland when they outplayed the home team at St Andrews' on Saturday.

The Scots were made to look leaden-footed by a much more agile and inventive French side, who also enjoyed considerable height advantage at the lineout. In Yves Theron, and his second row colleague, Georges Bourguignon, they had two outstanding forwards, who dwarfed the two home locks.

The French backs appreciated this advantage and were quick to stretch the home defence at every opportunity. Only at half back did the Scots look capable of swinging the game in their favour. Andrew Kerr and Grieg Oliver were able to beat the cover defence at times, but their efforts were unsupported.

By comparison, the visitors looked dangerous whenever they had the ball and they should have been able to score more than just one try. On several occasions, their indiscipline let them down and cost them points. But the normally reliable Colin Flannigan was able to take advantage of only three of the half dozen penalty chances which came his way. As the half came to a close, the French went in at the interval with the lead 12-6 in their favour.

The visitors held their advantage throughout a scrappy second half and continued to show more imagination in their attacks in the closing quarter. They won two penalty chances, the second of which Bianchi put over, to increase his side's lead. Ker was frequently able to evade the French back row but the moves seldom extended beyond the inside centre.

Ten minutes from time, Turnbull was forced to retire with a foot injury. He was replaced by David Leckie and shortly afterwards, Flanagan put another penalty wide of the target.

SCOTLAND B: C Flannigan (Melrose); S McAslan (Heriot's FP), S Scott (Stewart's Melville FP), A Tait (Kelso), T Peterson-Brown (London Scottish); A Ker (Kelso), G Oliver (Hawick); D Milne, K Milne (Heriot's FP), G Waite (Kelso), S Hamilton (Heriot's FP), J Richardson (Edinburgh Academicals), P Hogarth (Hawick), J Macklin (London Scottish), D Turnbull (Hawick).
FRANCE B: J Bianchi (Toulon); P Deschamp (Brive), A Salas (Graulhet), J Gely (Grenoble), L Bonal (Aurillac); P Rouge-Thomas (Toulouse), H Sanz (Graulhet); L Amery (Lourdes), J P Canti (Valence), P Laval (Brive), G Bourguignon (Narbonne), Y Theron (Bourgoin), L Cabannes (Racing Club), M Medard (Blagnac), C Rougmat (Dax).
Referee: J Cole (Munster).

Campbell out

Scotland's rugby selectors will have to find a replacement for Alistair Campbell, of Hawick, when they pick their team to play Ireland at Murrayfield on Saturday week. Campbell, a permanent fixture at lock for Scotland's last 12 games, suffered a fractured cheekbone playing for his club on Saturday, and will be out of the game for six weeks.

Richmond hopes thwarted

By Michael Stephenson

Headingley 19
Richmond 3

Richmond travelled north to Leeds with the knowledge that a win against Headingley would keep them in touch with the leaders in the national Merit Table B (Waterloo and Northampton). However Headingley clearly had other ideas and their superiority outside the scrum earned them their first merit table victory of the season.

Headingley's first try followed a promising attack by Richmond. Eagle snapped up a loose ball, made good ground and, when he was caught by Allum, threw the ball behind him; Roberts picked up, fed Higgins and Swales scored

Headingley's second try was even more spectacular. Eagle again initiated the move. Johnson developed it and Higgins handled confidently before Swales created an overlap for Roberts and a crucial try. Richmond managed a penalty by Smith and some late flurries that did not bring points.

SCORERS: Headingley: Tries: Swales, Roberts. Conversion: Appleson. Penalties: Appleson (3). Richmond: Penalty: Smith.
HEADINGLEY: P Swales; J Eagle, P T A Johnson, S Brugger, M Appleson; S Roberts; S Worral; P Huntsman, T Sinclair, A Machell, K Higgins, I Taylor, B Green, N Hargreaves, M Lumley.
RICHMOND: A Hempel; S Pennock, R Holdham, M Drane, S Allum; S Smith, J Cullen; M James, T Martineau, J Thom, D Sole, M Slagter, B Biddell, D Kenningham, C Vyvyan.
REFEREE: J Heaney (Liverpool).

Exiles inspired by progress report

By Bryan Stiles

London Welsh 10
Gosforth 9

With despatches coming in regularly from a foreign battlefield of how their heroes were faring, London Welsh were galvanized into match-winning action in this John Smith's merit table B match on Saturday.

Loudspeaker announcements relayed the news that the Welsh national team had defied the odds and were leading France 9-3 at half-time. The exiles in contrast were lucky to be trailing by just 9-0 at the interval. Clearly something dramatic had to be done and who better to do it than the scrum half, Mark Douglas, the Welsh international. He inspired his team to pull off victory by one goal and one try to one goal and one dropped goal.

Douglas had had a quiet first half but that was understandable as Gosforth had dominated the scrums and seemed to have a monopoly of the ball in the lineouts. Indeed during one spell in the first half the visitors won 14 out of 17 lineouts on offer. Gosforth secured such a large slice of possession they must have been kicking themselves that they were not able to convert that superiority into something tangible, like 20 match-winningpoints. London Welsh seemed to be able to offer only stubborn defence and resolute tackling.

All Gosforth had to show for their efforts by half-time was a dropped goal by Johnson and a rousing converted try from Davidson. The announcement that their brothers in arms were leading in Paris, however, and a telling tactical talk during the interval changed everything for London Welsh. They began to win better balls at the lineout and although they were still bullied and pushed around in the scrums, they were feeding royally off scraps in the loose.

Douglas threw off the shackles and spearheaded wounding thrusts deep into the Gosforth defence. One of his breaks was stifled just short of the line but from the resultant ruck Evans plunged over with two defenders clinging to him. The scrum half led a couple more daring assaults before, fittingly, he scored the match-winning try with a neck-or-nothing break after combining well with his No. 8, Lewis.

The Welsh were on a high and the public address announcer, clearly unwillingly to break the spell, saved until after the final whistle the deflating news that Wales had lost in Paris.

SCORERS: London Welsh: Tries: Evans, Douglas. Conversion: Price. Gosforth: Tries: Davidson. Dropped Goal: Johnson. Conversion: Johnson.
London Welsh: J Price; A Martin, G Thomas, G Leleu, S Pill; C Price, M Douglas; T Jones, B Light, J Davies, D Keating, G Llewelyn, R Forth, J Evans, M Lewis.
Gosforth: J Whisker; J Shinwell, R Petyt, A Campbell, M Brewer; D Johnson, C Henderson; C White, R Parker, J Curry, D Davidson, T Roberts, K Westgarth, S Smith, G Smallwood
Referee: R P Jenkins (London)

Effort rewarding if not prolific

By Peter Marson

Blackheath 3
London Irish 6

This was a rumbustious affair in which much was attempted but little achieved, at least in terms of points. Not that London Irish will be put out or feel anything other than elation, for their victory by two penalty goals to one against Blackheath at the Rectory field yesterday was their first in a Merit Table B match which also counted in the London Merit Table.

The Irish had gone off at a great pace, and winning the ball at the first lineout Kuhn dropped unsuccessfully for goal. The stand-off half then put up a testing Garryowen and after McGrath had made a crunching tackle on Craig. Blackheath fell offside at the ruck. That presented O'Malley with an easy chance to pot at goal, and he made no mistake from in front of the posts on the 22-metre line.

Blackheath were quick to counter and with the Club's halves and threequarters indulging in some wizardry as they moved purposefully upfield, three clear-cut opportunities came the way of the left-footed Slater, but he was not immediately in form and his kicks at goal from short range failed wide of the uprights.

Both sides seemed adept at breaking out of defence to make short, sharp though rather ragged raids in the other's territory. Once, only Taylor's foot in touch prevented the Irish from completing a fine movement leftwards with a try by the corner flag.

Yet, the Irish turned round leading by their half-dozen points at the half-way mark, following a second penalty goal from 25 metres out and at a wide angle on the left by O'Malley, and that has seemed a proper reward for London Irish's industry.

Slater instituted a shift in balance and encouraged the club with a well-taken penalty goal at the start to the second period. Blackheath then did just about everything except score.

SCORERS: Blackheath: Penalty: Slater. London Irish: Penalties: O'Malley (2).
BLACKHEATH: D Craig; K Purchase, L Cokell, G Hughes, M Evans; D Slater (rep: R Saunders), H McHardy; P Essenhigh, T Fenby, R Sellers, P Vaughan, I Anderson, J Wishart, D Vaughan, M Wilden.
LONDON IRISH: P Davidson; A O'Malley, C McGrath (rep: L Taylor), M Davidson, S Kearns; R Kuhn, N McCulla; T Hennessy, G Beringer, D McGauley, J O'Driscoll, S Matthews, J Sheehan, P Byrne, M Gibson.
Referee: G Argre (Warwickshire).

Coventry crumble

By Michael Stevenson

Waterloo 37
Coventry 0

Waterloo, unbeaten at the head of the national Merit Table B, met Coventry, languishing at the base of the A Table yesterday, in a one-sided, disjointed contest at Blundellsands. The match, which was won by Waterloo's five goals, a try and a dropped goal to nil, was ruined by the inordinate amount of kicking, in which both sides indulged until Coventry disintegrated in the second half. Of the 62 boots on view, the only pair that did not appear to be suffering from a nervous tick was worn by the referee. Coventry, with key players missing and with more than half an eye on next Saturday's John Player tie against Liverpool St Helens, seemed strangely uncommitted and hesitant, though Waterloo's inability or unwillingness initially to spread the ball wide, did not exploit their shortcomings.

An arid 38 minutes preceded the first score, a neat dropped goal by Ian Aitchison, who converted a try in first-half injury time, scored by Paul Jenkins, from a deft chip by Peter Cooley. Two tries early in the second half settled the issue; Shaun Gallagher won a lineout near the Coventry line and Trevor Simon rolled off the consequent maul to score wide out. Jim Syddall scored a similar try shortly after and Aitchison converted both confidently.

He also converted tries by the speedy Peter Cooley and Gallagher but with his final conversion attempt of a late try by Jeff Tickle, made by Cooley's pace and thrust, Aitchison ended a remarkable exhibition of precision goal kicking rather disappointingly, when he struck a post.

SCORERS: Waterloo: Tries: Jenkins, Simon, Syddall, Cooley, Gallagher and Tickle. Conversions: Aitchison (5). Penalty: Aitchison.
WATERLOO: J Tickle; N Heslop, P Jenkins, S Christopherson, P Cooley; I Aitchison, D Carfoot; T Simon, P Hackett, S Peters, N Allott, J Syddall, N Wilkinson, S Gallagher, L Connor.
COVENTRY: M Wood; E Saunders, J Minshull, K James, A Parton; R Rowan, A Savage; L Johnson, A Farrington, S Wilkes, S Fairn, K Dodd, B Kidner, T Williams, G Robbins.

Changing sides

Andy Needham, Surrey County Cricket Club's 29-year-old all-rounder, has joined Middlesex.

RUGBY UNION RESULTS FROM THE WEEKEND

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Ireland	17	England	0
France	16	Wales	9

B INTERNATIONAL

Scotland	9	France	15

CLUB MATCHES

Birmingham	9	Torquay	18
Gala	41	Fylde	22
Harlequins	39	Met Police	8
Kelso	19	Middlesbrough	0
Lpool St H	12	Sale	8
Manchester	17	Sheffield	19
New Brighton	4	W Hartlepool	36
Nottingham	62	Northern	7
Orrell	39	Broughton Park	9
Roundhay	72	Wilmslow	0
Rugby	27	Weston-s-Mare	16
Vale of Lune	15	Bedford	3
Boroughmuir	17	Edinburgh A	7
Heriot's FP	31	Ayr	10
Stewarts Mel FP	15	Glasgow Acads	37
Jed-Forest	33	Hawick	23
Melrose	47	Durham City	9

Cancelled: Aberavon v Newbridge.

BBC RADIO KENT MERIT TABLE: Beckenham 8, Bromley 16; Canterbury 8, Betteshanger 10; Dover 10, O Shooterhillians 14; Orpington 6, Cranbrook 17.

FOSTER BEARD MIDDLESEX MERIT TABLE: Ruislip 24, Hendon 7.

GIROBANK EASTERN COUNTIES MERIT TABLE: Ipswich 32, Saffron Walden 10.

HUNTING GATES HERTFORDSHIRE MERIT TABLE: Hitchin 30, Enfield OG 6; Hitchin A 14, East Herts Coll 9.

JOHN SMITH'S MERIT TABLE A

London Scottish	12	Leicester	12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pige
Bath	7	6	0	1	178	65	85.71
Leicester	7	4	1	2	88	68	64.28
Nottingham	4	2	1	1	46	26	62.50
Moseley	9	5	1	3	91	127	61.11
Bristol	6	3	0	3	112	84	50
Harlequins	2	1	0	1	27	27	50
Orrell	4	2	0	2	38	68	50
Gloucester	7	3	0	4	75	92	42.85
Sale	5	2	0	3	61	83	40
Lon. Scots	4	1	1	2	47	48	37.5
Wasps	4	1	0	3	52	69	25
Coventry	7	1	0	6	79	143	14.28

MERIT TABLE B

Headingley	19	Richmond	3
London Welsh	10	Gosforth	9

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pige
Waterloo	7	7	0	0	164	68	100
N'thampton	5	4	0	1	109	49	80
Richmond	10	7	0	3	165	169	70
L'pool St H	5	3	0	2	75	55	60
Lon. Welsh	6	3	0	3	69	65	50
Gosforth	5	2	0	3	78	56	40
Saracens	5	2	0	3	43	66	40
Rosslyn Pk	8	3	0	5	94	125	37.5
Headingley	3	1	0	2	37	87	33.33
Bedford	6	2	0	4	67	74	33.33
Blackheath	4	1	0	3	42	72	25
Lon. Irish	8	1	0	7	61	127	12.5

SUSSEX MERIT TABLE: Lewes 50; East Grinstead 3.

TRUMAN OB MERIT TABLE: KCS OB 26, O Tiffinians 7; O Paulines 8, O Dunstonians 11.

LONDON AND SOUTH EAST: Club matches: Alton 40, Havant II 10; Ashford (Kent) 17, Folkestone 15; Bank of England 43, Citizens 6; Barnet 22, Pinner 0; Bec OB 19, Lloyds Bank 0; Bedford Athletic 4, Stoneygate 19; Bishop's Stortford 19, Chelmsford 16; Bognor 12, Eastleigh 11; Brentwood 18, Westcombe Park 24; Burgess Hill 43, Sussex University 16; Camberley 15, Marlow 6; Centaurs 13, Richmond Thamesians 0; Charlton Park 9, Mitcham 16; Cheshunt 9, London Welsh Druids 16; Clifton 36, US Portsmouth 18; Crawley 23, Dartfordians 4; Dorking 22, Chipstead 19; Esher Abbots 3, Effingham 50; Eton Manor 3, Norwich 33; Farnham 31, Surrey University 3; Finchley 15, Twickenham 9; Fullerians 6, Sudbury 26; Greenwich 35, Rayleigh Wyverns 4; Harlow 15, O Verulamians 19; Hayes 12, Grasshoppers 13; Henley 10, Maidstone 19; High Wycombe Ex 1st 18, Chippenham 18; Horsham 0, Cranleigh 18; Isle of Wight 10, Trojans 20; John Fisher OB 21, Old Freemans 7.

BANKS AND SILVERS MERIT TABLE: Kettering 7, Kenilworth 7.

GLYNWED ENGINEERING MERIT TABLE: Long Buckby 40, Oadby-Wyggestonians 6.

MERCIA MERIT TABLE: Stoke 3, Hinckley 0; Sutton Coldfield 7; Derby 16; Walsall 16, Stourbridge 19.

MIDSHIRES MERIT TABLE: Five Ways 9, Nuneaton OE 22; King s Norton 14, Aston OE 0; Veseyans 18, Centrals 17.

WYVERN MERIT TABLE: Warley 12, Droitwich 10.

MIDLANDS: Club matches: Barker's Butts 22, Longlevens 16; Coalville 27, Kibworth 6; Claverdon 7, Birchfield 28; Dudley-Kingswinford 15, Luctonians 6; Edwardians 0, Burton 22; Handsworth 20, O Longtonians 13; Hereford 9, Ludlow 0; Lichfield 25, Loughborough Students 12; Loughborough 10 Syston 46; Lutterworth 9, St Neots 21; Market Bosworth 38, O Newtonians 0; Matlock 20, Moderns 6; Newbold 22, Willenhall 6; Newport 15, O Leamingtonians 10; Pershore 44, Stepston 4; Rugby St Andrews 16, O Laurentians 3; South Leicester 0, Keresley 40; Southwell 20, Stamford 15; Spartans 10, Redditch 7; Stratford-on-Avon 30, Witney 4; Taunton 24, Solihull 8; Wigston 13, Peterborough 21; Worcester 12, Camp Hill 7.

GIROBANK NORTH WEST LEAGUE: Second division: Chester 12, Workington 6.

YORKSHIRE SHIELD: Quarter-finals: Ackiam 13, Huddersfield YMCA 0; Bramley 7, West Park Bramhope 11; Hemsworth 46, Bodington 4; Wheatley Hills 21, Castleford 4.

NORTH: Club matches: Ashton-on-Mersey 14, O Instonians 12; Beverley 3, Thornensians 19; Birkenhead Park 30, Hull and ER 0; Blackburn 15, Wrexham 40; Bradford and Bingley 25, West Park 13; Calder Vale 0, Aspull 13; Congleton 42, Oswestry 14; Davenport 22, Caldy 9; Driffield 4, Barnsley 10; Eccles 20, Mold 8; Grimsby 0, Pavors 39; Halifax 12 Morley 4; Heaton Moor 0, Leamington 11, Hessle 26, O Otliensians 11, Ilkley 3, Cleckheaton 11; Keighley 9, Otley 32; Kendal 8, Hartlepool Rovers 16; Leodiensians 15, Redcar 14; Manchester University 14, Wigan 10; O Aldwinians 14, Ashton-under-Lyne 3; O Crossleyans 6, Wharfedale 12; O Hymerians 4, Manst 0; O Salians 6, De la Salle 11, Pontefract 10, Wath 3, Preston Grasshoppers 9, Winnington Park 9; Ripon 9, Stockton 10; Rochdale 8, Mid Cheshire Coll 0; Rotherham 9, Newark 9; Sandal 30, Huddersfield 15; Scunthorpe 12, O Brodleians 6; Sedgley Park 6, Leigh 9; Selby 4, Mansfield 13; Southport 21, Warrington 16, Thornton Cleveleys 0, Vulcan 21; Vickers 7, Netherhall OB 10; York 22, Chesterfield 4.

BASS MERIT TABLE: St Ives 17, Exeter University 6.

CORNWALL MERIT TABLE: Hayle 0, Redruth 27; Newquay 21, Penzance-Newlyn 14; Truro 15, Launceston 0.

DEVON MERIT TABLE: Newton Abbot 36, Sidmouth 9; Paignton 6, Tiverton 12.

WEST: Club matches: Barnstaple 8, Penryn 10, Falmouth 6, Devon and Cornwall Police 28; St Austell 9, Okehampton 17; Dorchester 12, Exmouth 6.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Harrogate GS 30, Bingley GS 16; London Oratory 11, Gunnersbury 3.

RACING: QUICKSTEP NAPPED TO SPEARHEAD TREBLE FOR PIPE

Progressive Precious Link can take successful step up in class

By Mandarin

Precious Link, a young horse with a bright future, can vindicate his trainer's lofty *opinion of him by completing* a treble in the £5,000 Bet With The Tote Novices' Hurdle at Fontwell *this afternoon.*

After his most recent win 18 days ago, Bill Turner, who trains Precious Link at Sherborne, in Dorset, nominated a sponsored £10,000 race at Cheltenham the following week as the objective for his progressive four-year-old.

That ambitious plan was thwarted by the weather but the Relkino gelding has another valuable opportunity in *this listed race where Keynes,* Tivian and Mareth form the nucleus of the opposition for this listed race.

Unlike Mareth Line, who won a £6,000 contest at Lingfield, Precious Link is unpenalized for his two victories and receives a handy 10lb from the two seven-year-olds, Keynes and Tivian.

Precious Link's victories have been gained in minor events at Bangor and Newton Abbot but the manner of those successes suggests he is *capable of holding his own in* more exalted company.

He assumed control of the *Bangor race from an early* stage and went on to win by 15 lengths from Arrow Express, who had won his previous two races at Windsor and Haydock, beating Mareth Line in the latter.

Precious Link was not nearly as impressive when following up at Newton Abbot *on the day racing returned* after part one of the freeze. However, his trainer reported that he was only "three parts straight" on that occasion and he is sure to strip fitter today.

Tivian beat little when winning at *Huntingdon and* Fontwell and, of the older horses, I prefer the consistent Keynes who has yet to finish out of the first two in six races and was not disgraced when *chasing home Intuition at* Cheltenham last time.

Mareth Line followed his *debut* second with two victories in the space of three days at Worcester and Lingfield in early December. His front-running style was not suited by Sandown's demanding course when he finished seventh to Flying Benny last month and he will be more at home over this tight track.

However Martin Pipe fares with Mareth Line, he should be on the mark with **Quickstep**, who picked up the winning thread under 11st 11lb at Windsor last Wednesday, and is now napped to follow up in the Lyminster Handicap Hurdle.

A close seventh to First *Bout in the 1985 Triumph* Hurdle and the winner of the Tote Credit Hurdle at Newbury nine days later. *Quickstep* lost his form last season but his talented trainer *evidently has him right* back to his best.

Pipe may fare even better at Wolverhampton where **Doyle's Express** and **Sporting Mariner** can both gain their second victories of the season. Doyle's Express failed to stay 2½ miles at Chepstow on his latest run but had previously won well over a shorter trip on his hurdling debut at Devon and Exeter and reverts to two *miles here.*

Sporting Mariner, who has won half of his 10 races over hurdles, has yet to tackle the 3¼ miles of the Beckbury Handicap Hurdle but stayed on well to win over 2¾ miles at Nottingham in December and holds the consistent Spider's Well on earlier form *at Cheltenham.*

Desert Orchid gives his rivals another jumping lesson in the Gainsborough Chase at Sandown (Photograph: Ed Byrne)

FONTWELL PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

1.30 Braunston Brook.
2.00 Cleavage.
2.30 Cresun.
3.00 Precious Link.
3.30 High Blend.
4.00 QUICKSTEP (nap).

Michael Seely's selection: 3.30 **STEEL YEOMAN** (nap).
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 **SPLENDID MAGNOLIA.**

Going: good to soft

1.30 CLIMPING CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CHASE (£1,707: 2m 2f 110yd) (12 runners)

1	4/112-20	BRAVEN (CD) (R Peake) D Wintle 13-11-1	G Landau	92	4-1
3	230F0P	MIGHTY DISASTER (D Hammond) W Kemp 9-11-1	G Norton (4)	78	20-1
5	030212	SOUTHDOWN SPIRIT (CD) (R Dove) Miss L Bower 11-11-1	B Dowling	80	6-1
6	FF/1-PP0	LANDAS ROCKET (Milletrain Ltd) G Gracey 9-10-11	T Woolley	62	12-1
7	F124P3/	LUCKY CHRIS (A Bailey) W Turner 12-10-11	C Warren	—	16-1
8	0-F3240	BRAUNSTON BROOK (Mrs E Boucher) D Oughton 9-10-8	L Jenkins (4)	● 99	F3-1
9	20-024F	BRIANOGAN (Mrs J Cotton) T Forster 7-10-8	L Harvey	—	5-1
10	03U244	DOUBLEUAGAIN (B Clark) C Holmes 13-10-8	—	88	15-2
12	0P4-000	MAGWA (G Lugg) T Forster 6-10-8	W Humphreys	—	13-2
15	P	PAMPOLLY (A Gooda) M Robinson 7-10-8	C Llewellyn	—	16-1
16	PPP44P	*PRINCE FELIX (Mrs L Browning) D Browning 7-10-8*	A T O'Gorman (4)	—	16-1
18	0U-0000	TOUCH OF RHYTHM (P O'Connell) P Butler 6-10-8	Penny Ffitch-Heyes	—	16-1

1986: FEARLESS IMP 11-10-4 D Wells (3-1) R Shepherd 9 ran

FORM BRAVEN (10-12) is best judged on seasonal debut when a neck 2nd to Downpayment (10-12) over this course and distance (£894, good to soft, Dec 2, 14 ran). MIGHTY DISTASTER has been well below form since finishing a creditable (11-5) short head 2nd to The Royal Comrie (11-5) here (3m 2f, £1817, good to firm, Oct 2, 5 ran). SOUTHDOWN SPIRIT (10-10) stayed on from 2nd last to be 3l 2nd to Steel Yeoman (10-13) with LANDAS ROCKET (10-4) pulled up at Folkestone (3m 2f, £2240, soft, 6 Jan, 17 ran). BRAUNSTON BROOK (11-8) showed best form when ¾l 2nd to *Buckfast Abbey (11-8) at Newbury (2m, £3106)* good, Nov 12, 8 ran). DOUBLEUAGAIN (11-6) best effort this season when 10l 2nd to Legal Sugar (10-2) at Worcester (2m 4f, £1332, good to soft, Dec 3, 8 ran).
Selection: BRAUNSTON BROOK

2.0 PAGHAM SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,021: 2m 2f) (20 runners)

2	0F4	CAPISTRANO CLIMAX (S M Demolition Ltd) W Kemp 10-12	S Shilston	52	20-1
3	00013	CHATTERSPARK (D Hoskin) R Hodges 10-12	B Powell	82	8-1
4	221103	FANDANGO BOY (Mrs L Bertram) R Frost 10-12	C Hopwood (7)	88	3-1
5	P004	FIC VIC (V Searle) N Lee-Judson 10-12	M Kinane	65	20-1
6	P0	FLEET FOOTED (P Collins) P Haynes 10-12	A Webb	74	16-1
7	0P	JULTOWN LAD (S Birkett) H Beasley 10-12	Dale McKeown (4)	—	14-1
8		KYLDOON (M Livett) Miss L Bower 10-12	R Rowell	—	16-1
10	00	MY MONTE (J Stafford) H O'Neill 10-12	R Chapman (4)	—	20-1
11	000P00	RHODE ISLAND RED (J Bruton) A Moore 10-12	G Moore	66	15-1
13	01100	SOLENT LAD (E Hiam) B Stevens 10-12	S Moore	79	10-1
14	111300	*SPLENDID MAGNOLIA (CD) (M Pipe) M Pipe 10-12*	P Scudamore	● 99	4-1
17	0	YOURS GRENVILLE (P Mitchell) P Mitchell 10-12	Mr D Beeneyworth (7)	—	10-1
18	020P	CITY AND SUBURBAN (R Slade) R Juckes 10-7	R Rowe	66	12-1
19	02	CLEAVAGE (Mrs G Balding) G Balding 10-7	A Charlton (7)	88	F5-2
22	F1	LA GRANDE DAME (T Gover) R Simpson 10-7	D Gallagher (7)	80	9-2
23		LA SHAKA (C Blackwell) A Moore 10-7	Candy Moore (4)	—	20-1
25		MY MUTZIE (V Searle) N Lee-Judson 10-7	R Beggan	—	20-1
26		ST ATHANS GIRL (Geyer Estates Ltd) R Curtis 10-7	K Traylor (7)	—	20-1
27	P	WINTER'S BETA (Miss M Durham) J Ffitch-Heyes 10-7	R Goldstein	—	20-1
28	P	ZINDELINA (A Elliott) D Jermy 10-7	G Old	—	20-1

1986: KILCHA GIRL 10-0 J Lower (7-2) Pipe 20 ran

FORM FANDANGO BOY not disgraced in non-selling company last 2 starts, previously (10-10) scored ½l win over Nautical Step (10-5) in valuable seller at Doncaster (2m 150yd, £1525, good, Dec 13, 18 ran). FLEET FOOTED (10-12), never on terms with leaders, finished 26l 6th to Nippy Chippy (11-8) at Fakenham (2m 80yd, £685, good to soft, Dec 19, 15 ran). SOLENT LAD lost touch 3 from home latest, previously (11-0) well backed when 5l winner from Repetitive (10-2) at Devon (2m 1f, £390, soft, Dec 5, 5 ran). *SPLENDID MAGNOLIA has run creditably in non-selling company since a* (10-12) 20l beating of CITY AND SUBURBAN (10-7) over this course and distance (£916, good, Oct 21, 10 ran), a race in which WINTER'S BETA (10-7) was pulled up. CLEAVAGE (10-5) ran a promising 5l 2nd to Olympic Eagle (10-7) at Taunton (2m 1f, £575, good to soft, Dec 4, 12 ran). LA GRANDE DAME (10-2) beat Sunkit (10-2) 3l at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, £666, heavy, Jan 22, 7 ran) with ZINDELINA (10-2) always in rear until pulled up.
Selection: SPLENDID MAGNOLIA

2.30 BOGNOR REGIS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,816: 2m 2f 110yd) (10 runners)

2	42-4P22	FIRE DRILL (CD) (P Norman) K Bishop 12-11-7	P Richards	93	7-2
3	013-101	ATATAHO (B Snell) J Roberts 11-11-4	P Nicholls	91	3-1
4	0-2F3F1	TARN (Mrs T Holt) N Gaselee 9-11-2	A Adams (7)	94	F5-2
5	0-F4104	FEARLESS IMP (CD) (J Truman) R Shepherd 12-11-1	B Powell	97	8-1
7	1-F12F1	AUTUMN ZULU (CD) (P Boddy) Miss L Bower 8-10-11	R Rowell	95	9-2
8	4-10422	BRIGHT MORNING (CD,BF) (M Stonor) D Grissell 9-10-7	J Akehurst	● 99	7-1
10	F002241	CRESUN (J H Amusements Ltd) Mrs L Clay 8-10-0	J Lovejoy	98	15-2
11	20220-3	BOLD DEALER (CD) (Lord Matthews) I Matthews 10-10-0	M Perrett	92	10-1
12	PP0-3P4	GRAIGUENAMANAGH (CD) (J Hughes) Miss L Bower 12-10-0	R Goldstein	—	10-1
13	PP1F23/	NEOTERIC (CD) (Mrs E Williams) J O'Donoghue 8-10-0	E Murphy	—	10-1

1986: GRAIGUENAMANAGH 11-10-0 R Rowell (10-1) Miss L Bower 8 ran

FORM ATATAHO (11-6) led at the last when beating *Doubleton (11-6) 3l at Taunton (2m 1f, £2209, soft,* Dec 30, 8 ran). TARN (11-5) held on to beat FIRE DRILL (11-10) a head at Newton Abbot (2m, £2267, heavy, Jan 22, 5 ran) AUTUMN ZULU (10-10) beat Ballima (10-13) 4l with FEARLESS IMP (11-10) another 8l back in 4th at Folkestone (2m, £1967, soft, Jan 6, 7 ran). FEARLESS IMP (11-10) is better judged on an easy 5l beating of AUTUMN ZULU (10-10) with BRIGHT MORNING (11-10) a further 2¾l back in 4th here (2m 2f, £2288, good to soft, Dec 2, 5 ran). CRESUN (10-1) returned to best when beating BRIGHT MORNING (11-2) 15l at Windsor (2m, £2016, good to soft, Jan 1, 7 ran), a race in which TARN (11-10) was a 6th fence casualty. BOLD DEALER (10-0) not disgraced on reappearance when 12½l 3rd to Numerate (10-6) at Windsor (2m 5f, good to soft); best effort last season (11-2) when 2l 2nd to Welsh Oak (10-13) at Southwell (2m, £1914, soft, Mar 27, 16 ran).
Selection: BOLD DEALER

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103 (12) 6-0432 TIMESFORM (CD,BF) (Mrs J Ryley) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88 7-2

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's *name* (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. *The Times Private Handicapper's rating. Approximate starting price.*

3.0 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICE HURDLE (£4,357: 2m 2f) (10 runners)

4	02	BROOKMOUNT (H Pelham) J Gifford 5-11-3	R Rowe	88	F3-1
7	0	FLEUVE DE SOLEIL (O Assi) G Kindersley 5-11-3	C Brown	—	10-1
10	40-423F	ISLAND PEARL (F Bush) W Kemp 7-11-3	S Shilston	90	8-1
11	221112	KEYNES (D Dobson) J Jenkins 7-11-3	S Sherwood	● 99	7-2
15	11	*TIVIAN (CD) (Lady Matthews) I Matthews 7-11-3*	M Perrett	82	7-1
16	2110	MARETH LINE (Craydale Ltd) M Pipe 4-11-1	P Scudamore	88	4-1
24	0211	PRECIOUS LINK (E Goody) W Turner 4-10-7	C Warren	91	4-1
25	33	ROUBAYD (B,BF) (S Cohn) P Haynes 4-10-7	A Webb	80	16-1
26	404012	WINNING DANCER (J Hunt) Miss L Bower 4-10-7	R Rowell	91	10-1
27	0	DANCING BALLERINA (M Bolton) M Bolton 4-10-2	R Goldstein	—	20-1

1986: MY DOMINION 4-10-12 J Lower (Evens fav) M Pipe 10 ran

FORM BROOKMOUNT (10-11) was always prominent when a neck 2nd to Colonial Charm (10-6) at *Towcester (2m, £825, soft, Dec 22, 17 ran). Ex-Irish ISLAND PEARL fell last time;* previously (11-2) a 9l 3rd to Kissane (11-6) at Punchestown (2m, £3450, yielding to soft, Dec 13, 12 ran). KEYNES (11-12) has yet to finish out of the first two this season, most recently a 10l 2nd to Intuition (11-1) at Cheltenham (2m, £2320, soft, Dec 31, 14 ran). TIVIAN (11-13) showed a good turn of foot when odds on for a Fontwell novice hurdle (2m 2f, £685, good to soft, Dec 2, 12 ran), beating Dream Merchant (11-9) ¾l. MARETH LINE weakened *in good-class company at Sandown latest: previously (11-8) an easy 7l winner from King Jack (11-0) at* Lingfield (2m, £8427, soft, Dec 6, 16 ran) with WINNING DANCER (11-0) 11½l away in 5th. PRECIOUS LINK (10-6) was ridden out to land the odds at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, £924, heavy, Jan 22, 13 ran) beating Heluva Season (10-3) by 2l.
Selection: KEYNES

3.30 SELSEY NOVICE CHASE (£1,688: 3m 2f 110yd) (16 runners)

1	P0-U101	STEEL YEOMAN (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 9-12-0	R Rowe	85	F5-2
2	41F34F	BALLYMULLISH (Mrs L Pinto) J Gifford 7-11-8	E Murphy	● 99	11-4
3	0PF31B	*HIGH BLEND (B Wright) P Bailey 8-11-6*	*Mr M Armytage (4)*	98	4-1
4	0P40	BOREEN KING (G P S Ltd) S Mellor 8-11-2	G Landau (4)	79	10-1
7	0-FPP0R	FITZGAYLE (R Dennis) K Bishop 9-11-2	P Richards	—	20-1
8	PU0/330	GENERAL SANDY (Miss A Chiltern-Hunt) J Bosley 9-11-2	Mr T Grantham (7)	80	15-1
11	02P-04F	*PALMERSTON (M Madgwick) M Madgwick 8-11-2*	A Madgwick	65	16-1
12	P/4PF4P	POOR EXCUSE (O Henley) P Butler 12-11-2	Mr P Townsley	—	20-1
13	0F/3P-PF	ROBERT HENRY (Mrs P Hargreaves) Mrs P Hargreaves 11-11-2	J White	—	20-1
15	P0PF30-	STARGAZE (P Smith) R Curtis 7-11-2	K Traylor (7)	73	20-1
17	02FF-33	THE JOESTAN (B) (S Powell) P Haynes 8-11-2	A Webb	82	8-1
18	00	TREASURE'S RAG (B Fearn) P Butler 10-11-2	A T O'Gorman (7)	—	20-1
19	40102-0	CHALKIES PET (I McGready) D Wintle 7-10-11	A Carroll	—	11-2
23	040-044	LILLE (B) (K Jago) B Forsey 8-10-11	P Croucher	70	15-1
24	B000-0F	SEA COUNTESS (G Shell) M Pipe 7-10-11	P Scudamore	—	25-1
25	0F0-0F4	RALEIGH GAZELLE (R Newton) W Turner 5-10-0	C Warren (7)	80	13-2

1986: BROWN VEIL 11-10-10 Miss G Armytage (7-2) R Armytage 16 ran

FORM STEEL YEOMAN (10-13) was scoring for the second time this season when beating *SOUTHDOWN SPIRIT (10-10) 3l with POOR EXCUSE (10-8) pulled up at Folkestone (3m 2f,* £2240, soft, Jan 6, 17 ran). BALLYMULLISH (10-6) best judged on a 16l 3rd to King Jo (10-7) at Sandown (3m, £4308, good to soft, Nov 29, 5 ran). HIGH BLEND, brought down last time, previously (11-6) had little difficulty in beating Doddy's Special (11-6) a distance with THE JOESTAN (11-6) another distance away 3rd and LILLE (11-1) 15l 4th at Devon (3m 1f, £2774, soft, Jan 1, 15 ran). BOREEN KING (10-12) weakened inside the final half-*mile when just over 28l 5th to Ivy League (11-4) at Leicester (3m, £1943, heavy, Dec 31, 11 ran).* RALEIGH GAZELLE (10-2) weakened from 3 out when 11½l 4th to Kittinger (11-9) at Chepstow (2m 4f, £1794, soft, Jan 27, 13 ran).
Selection: BALLYMULLISH

4.0 LYMINSTER HANDICAP ***HURDLE*** (£1,951: 2m 2f) (20 runners)

1	0002-P1	QUICKSTEP (B) (M Pipe) M Pipe 6-11-12 (6ex)	P Scudamore	● 99	F5-4
2	12102/P	CUT A DASH (CD) (D Larke) Mrs N Smith 8-11-10	C Brown	—	12-1
4	14000-3	PROFOUND (J Philips) A J Wilson 7-11-3	B Dowling (4)	97	6-1
6	313-U90	*LAFOSSE (R Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-2*	*W O'Callaghan (7)*	88	20-1
7	34300-P	CHRISTO (D Clarke) D Wintle 5-11-1	A Carroll	89	12-1
9	0-00010	WINDBREAKER (A Pepper) A Moore 9-11-1	Candy Moore (4)	95	5-1
10	031F00-	CHEMIST BROKER (CD) (Food Brokers Ltd) P Haynes 7-11-0	A Webb	90	16-1
12	010300	MAN O'MAGIC (B,CD) (C Andrews) K Bailey 6-10-10	P Croucher	97	12-1
14	400420	SHENTON WAY (M Hickey) J Jenkins 7-10-8	J White	97	13-2
15	3-P0P00	HALL'S PRINCE (CD) (J Hopton) D Grissell 6-10-8	R Goldstein	98	25-1
16	1-12032	HARBOUR BAZAAR (B) (J Shaw) R Simpson 7-10-7	D Gallagher (7)	96	7-2
17	0FP-40P	AIRBORNE DEAL (K Higson) A Moore 8-10-6	G Moore	94	16-1
18	11P-0F0	SPEND EASY (A Aylett) A Aylett 7-10-4	M Ahern (7)	89	16-1
19	2202-00	IT'M FOR GALA (A Brown) G Kindersley 8-10-2	R Beggan	98	16-1
21	30F0-P0	ZIRCON'S SUN (Dorothea Viscountess Kelburn) D Laing 8-10-0	R Chapman (4)	—	20-1
22	001/300	CRITICAL PATH (A Pettifer) J King 8-10-0	S McNeill	—	20-1
24	30-F030	*COURAGEOUS CHARGER (R Hamilton) A Moore 5-10-0*	M Perrett	82	20-1
25	F0-1140	CUT A CAPER (R Hammond) N Lee-Judson 5-10-0	Penny Ffitch-Heyes (7)	89	20-1
26	330/0P	PRINCE OF KASHMIR (Sir G Brunton) J Sayers 8-10-0	—	—	20-1
31	P0U0P-B	FULL OF DREAMS (V) (C Harvey) G Gracey 6-10-0	B Powell	—	20-1

1986: INLANDER 5-10-12 J Lovejoy (100-30) J Davies 16 ran

FORM QUICKSTEP (11-11) returned to somewhere near his best when a 2½l winner of a Windsor handicap from San Carlos (10-4) five days ago (2m 30yd, £1330, good to soft, 26 ran). HARBOUR BAZAAR (10-5) kept on well when a neck 2nd to Metman (11-4) at Leicester (2m, £1419, soft, Jan 26, 13 ran) with LAFOSSE (11-8), still possibly in need of the outing, 6¾l away in 5th. COURAGEOUS CHARGER (10-10) finished 10½l 3rd to Topsoil (10-11) on penultimate outing at Plumpton (2m, £1289, heavy, Dec 30, 12 ran) with WINDBREAKER (11-7) weakening into 5th 11l away, and HALL'S PRINCE (11-8) tailed off. Previously, WINDBREAKER (10-9) was an easy 5l winner from Goodman Point (11-2) at Lingfield (2m, £1905, soft, Dec 20, 10 ran) with HALL'S PRINCE (11-2) never in contention. ZIRCONS SUN has a chance on his best form; not disgraced when (10-10) 8th to Sporting Mariner (12-3) at Nottingham (2m 6f, £1184, good to soft, Dec 20, 14 ran) last time.
Selection: QUICKSTEP

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winners	Runners	Per Cent
M Pipe	*8*	*35*	*22.9*
Mrs N Smith	19	99	19.2
J Gifford	39	225	17.3
J Jenkins	21	145	14.5
T Forster	9	64	14.1
D Grissell	*8*	*61*	*13.1*

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
E *Murphy*	*10*	*52*	19.2
P Scudamore	12	66	18.2
S Sherwood	7	39	17.9
R Rowe	32	218	14.7
A Webb	7	56	12.5

Only qualifiers

WOLVERHAMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

1.45 Plaid.
2.15 Roga Rood.
2.45 Destiny Bay.
3.15 Mithras.
3.45 Doyle's Express.
4.15 Sporting Mariner.

By Michael Seely
2.15 Border Rambler. 2.45 Turkana.

Going: good (chase course); good to soft (hurdles)

1.45 BISHOP'S WOOD NOVICE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,035: 2m) (17 runners)

5	021	GOLDEN CROFT (D) (G Johnson) N Henderson 11-2	S Smith Eccles	85	11-4
6	01	STORMY PROSPECT (D) (Benningtons Furniture Ltd) O O'Neill 11-2	M Caswell	96	3-1
8		*BALANCED REALM (P Hanagan) G Hanagan 10-10*	J Barlow	—	20-1
14	F	EASTERN PLAYER (G Holmes) M Chapman 10-10	S Mitchell (7)	—	20-1
15	0	EAU COURANTE (C Bridgett) C Bridgett 10-10	Mr C Bridgett	—	20-1
16	00	G G MAGIC (A Glass) C Bell 10-10	M Dwyer	—	16-1
20	3	MERRY JUNIOR (Mrs D Scott) E Owen Jun 10-10	R Strange	83	10-1
21	00	MISTS OF TIME (Mrs H Dorey) C Vernon Miller 10-10	K Mooney	70	25-1
24	P0	NATCHAKAM (B) (Mrs L Foster) Miss A King 10-10	P Dever	—	25-1
26	42	PLAID (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 10-10	D Browne	● 99	F5-4
30	0	SIMON'S FANTASY (J Slade) D Ringer 10-10	D Murphy	—	16-1
31	33	*SPRING PALM (D Hutchinson) R Peacock 10-10*	K Ryan	90	8-1
34		TOP TIER (D Francis) J Mackie 10-10	M Bosley (4)	—	20-1
36		BOXIT (Provan Hatch Holdings Ltd) J Mackie 10-5	P Rutland (7)	—	20-1
37	30	BROADHURST (Mrs P Sly) Mrs P Sly 10-5	M Bastard	89	14-1
39	P	LAURA'S DREAM (R Packer) Mrs A Knight 10-5	George Knight	—	14-1
42	0	WHITEHOUSE GEM (K Bebbington) R Peacock 10-5	—	—	12-1

1986: (All aged) (Div I) DAN RAISE 5-11-1 M Pitman (3-1) Mrs J Pitman 17 ran
(Div II) Roark 4-10-5 P Leach (10-11 fav) M Pipe 15 ran

2.15 E B F NOVICE CHASE (£2,158: 3m 1f) (14 runners)

1	F-21413	BACKLOG (CD) (J Dalton) J Dalton 9-12-0	B de Haan	84	5-1
6	P22-PP	ANOTHER DRAGON (Mrs W Gartlan) M Pipe 11-11-4	J Lower (4)	● 99	10-1
9	030-3323	BORDER RAMBLER (R Tyrer) G Richards 7-11-4	P Tuck	97	3-1
11	44	BRIDGETOWN LAD (V Rabin) Mrs M Rimell 6-11-4	S Morshead	92	9-1
22	0	MR FAGIN (B Tomley) M Oliver 6-11-4	J Duggan	—	10-1
28	P	RELATIVITY (A Taylor) A Taylor 9-11-4	Mr M Price	—	20-1
29	0	ROGA ROOD (Mrs M Williams) A Glover 6-11-4	S Johnson	—	20-1
32	0400-34	STAR OF SCREEN (R McAlpine) J Edwards 7-11-4	D Browne	90	F5-2
35	P3243P	WOODSIDE ROAD (Prowting Homes) D Nicholson 7-11-4	R Dunwoody	96	7-1
37	0020P0-	DYNADEE (R Loughlin) B Preece 9-10-13	T Wall	—	16-1
39	3-F2	FLORENCE MAY (R Fairbairns) Mrs S Richardson 8-10-13	P Warner	91	7-1
40	04/F4-02	LIQUER CANDY (Mrs A Wakeham) J Webber 8-10-13	G Memagh	80	12-1
41	003313/	SPRINGALIANCE (B Hicks) J Bradley 9-10-13	G Davies	—	20-1
44	2PPF30-	WINNING CLOVER (R Blake) R Blakeney 9-10-13	Judy Blakeney (7)	85	20-1

1986: STEARSBY 7-12-0 P Scudamore (Evens fav) Mrs J Pitman 14 ran

2.45 BELVIDE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,075: 2m) (8 runners)

2	0/1D-04P	DESTINY BAY (D,BF) (G Johnson) N Henderson 9-12-1	S Smith Eccles	94	9-2
3	F-13433	AKRAM (D) (S Allan) R Hodges 9-11-13	W Irvine (7)	93	7-1
4	12-0213	ALDRO (D) (P Riley) W Clay 11-11-6	S J O'Neill	● 99	F5-2
8	104221	TURKANA (C) (J Upson) T Casey 7-10-7 (7ex)	R Dunwoody	93	3-1
9	03-4230	FARE LOVE (E Evans) E Evans 8-10-0	P Warner	91	10-1
10	0F0302/	SANDWALKER (D Price) Mrs M Rimell 8-10-0	A Sharpe	—	12-1
12	3040-03	BILLILOV (W Love) K Bridgwater 6-10-0	K Ryan (7)	87	10-1
13	02-0000	DANCE OF LIFE (P Hamer) P Hamer 8-10-0	Mr A Walton (7)	—	16-1

1986: (2m 4f) MANNA REEF 8-10-6 P Barton (6-1) J Edwards 11 ran

3.15 BURNHILL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,800: 3m 1f) (12 runners)

1	F30-11F	INDAMELODY (BF) (Mrs M Thorne) N Henderson 9-11-11	S Smith Eccles	91	F2-1
2	11-2012	STRATH LEADER (CD,BF) (Mrs C Fairbairn) J Edwards 9-11-10	P Barton	95	7-2
6	01-3123	LATE NIGHT EXTRA (B,D) (Lt-Col E Phillips) K Bailey 11-11-7	B Powell	96	6-1
7	011F-24	HARVEST FORTUNE (B) (J Cockerill) P Hobbs 7-11-7	Peter Hobbs	85	10-1
10	41233/3	*LORENTINO (C) (Lord Leverhulme) R Francis 10-10-10*	S J O'Neill	92	5-1
12	24-3F32	BROAD BEAM (C) (J Jennings) Mrs M Rimell 7-10-9	J Bryan	● 99	10-1
13	1223-F1	MITHRAS (CD) (Mrs H Richards) B Preece 9-10-9 (5ex)	T Wall	93	6-1
14	0P-P03U	SIR KENWIN (C) (J Winterbourne) R Armytage 9-10-4	Miss G Armytage (4)	89	12-1
15	203333	BASHFUL LAD (D) (Mrs F Parkes) M Oliver 12-10-4	R Dunwoody	94	8-1
16	122-00P	LEAN ORT (T Wragg) D L Williams 9-10-0	S J O'Neill	90	16-1
17	2U1244	NATIVE BREAK (B,D) (R Edwards) Mrs W Sykes 10-10-0	S Morshead	91	16-1
22	4014P0	CITADEL ROC (B,D) (Miss R Dudley) J Bradley 12-10-0	G Davies	78	16-1

1986: KING BA BA 11-11-7 P Scudamore (2-1 fav) R Gow 6 ran

3.45 E B F NOVICE HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,888: 2m) (17 runners)

1	1441	SICILIAN PASSAGE (CD) (Mrs S Catherwood) D Nicholson 5-11-10	R Dunwoody	98	F7-4
3	10	DOYLE'S EXPRESS (J Doyle Civ Eng Ltd) M Pipe 5-11-5	J Lower	● 99	3-1
14	00-	DANISH PAUPER (G Holmes) M Chapman 6-11-0	S Mitchell (7)	—	20-1
17		ELVERCONE (J Phillips) A J Wilson 5-11-0	H Davies	—	10-1
28		PARKY PETE (B Cambidge) B Cambidge 6-11-0	Mr J Cambidge	—	20-1
29		RICHISLE (P Barrett) B Morgan 7-11-0	C Prince (7)	—	20-1
30	03	*RICH NICKEL (R Grimes) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-0*	—	90	5-1
38	00	SMITH'S LAD (A Smith) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0	G Bradley	—	7-1
39		TABOOMA (S Freeman) J Edwards 6-11-0	P Barton	—	10-1
41		VALENTINE BOY (P Williams) D Barons 6-11-0	Tanya Davis	—	20-1
44	0FPP0P-	BIT OF SPACE (R Preece) G Ham 7-10-9	Lorna Vincent	—	33-1
46	0	DON'T BE LATE (T Kilroe & Sons Ltd) R Peacock 5-10-9	K Ryan (7)	—	12-1
47	00-404	GRANGE HILL GIRL (Miss J Collins) J Jefferson 6-10-9	P Tuck	90	8-1
48	0	KILKILANNE (R Chugg) R Chugg 6-10-9	S Morshead	—	20-1
51	04-0000	OBORNE EXPRESS (J Dimond) R Holder 7-10-9	N Coleman	83	20-1
56	000	*RYMERSTAR (Mrs F Manning) B Palling 5-10-9*	*C Evans*	91	20-1
57	0FFP-PF	SPACE KATE (E Evans) E Evans 6-10-9	P Warner	—	20-1

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.15 BECKBURY HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,626: 3m 2f) (20 runners)

1	P-12421	SPIDER'S WELL (A Taylor) D Barons 11-12-3 (9ex)	Tayne Davis	93	F3-1
2	111-P31	SPORTING MARINER (Craydale Ltd) M Pipe 5-11-13	J Lower (4)	96	7-2
3	000213/	SIMBAD (Mrs M Rigg) R Fisher 11-11-9	M Williams	—	12-1
6	0P-0341	SOME MACHINE (W O'Gorman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-2 (6ex)	M Dwyer	● 99	6-1
7	221-040	PRINCE'S DRIVE (B Manning) B Palling 9-11-1	C Evans (4)	94	20-1
8	00F1-00	SHEER STEEL (Steel Plate & Sec Ltd) P Cundell 7-10-12	R Dunwoody	97	20-1
9	01P-0030	SHOEMENDER (D) (P Rodford) P Rodford 10-10-12	C Gray	96	10-1
10	00/P000	ANEX (T Hayward) Mrs N Smith 10-10-11	G Bradley	91	25-1
11	031200/	FIGHTER PILOT (P Gray) M Pipe 7-10-10	N Dawe	—	12-1
12	0-40000	GALESBURG (R Jenks) N Gaselee 8-10-10	Miss S Lawrence (7)	—	16-1
13	144004	DEW (Kestrel Cases Ltd) R Holder 6-10-9	N Coleman	95	10-1
15	100000-	SHOUTITOUT C (Mrs J Cann) J Cann 10-10-5	George Knight	98	25-1
16	244	*CHARTER HARDWARE (Charter Racing Ltd) Mrs J Pitman 5-10-3*	*B de Haan*	91	10-1
17	330003	GERRY DOYLE (R Barber) R Barber 9-10-2	Miss G Armytage (4)	95	16-1
18	012001	HENRY LANCASTER (M Griffin) T Hallett 8-10-1 (9ex)	D Morris (7)	95	5-1
20	0001P-0	LITTLE MYND (T Pearson) G H Jones 8-10-0	G Jones	91	25-1
21	00/P013	*MERRY TOM (W Price) W Price 7-10-0*	A Price (7)	90	15-2
24	24-PFF0	PROVIDE (M Kingsley) S Mellor 6-10-0	M Hardagton	84	16-1
25	00-3000	THE SHINER (M Mellersh) M Tate 7-10-0	M Bowlby (4)	83	16-1
26	2U220-6	SMALL MONEY (D Davies) Mrs W Sykes 8-10-0	S Morshead	—	16-1

1986: *(2m 4f) THE LIQUIDATOR 5-11-11 P Leach (7-2) M Pipe 19 ran*

Course specialists

TRAINERS

	Winers	Runners	Per Cent
Mrs M Rimell	25	113	23.0
J Edwards	14	73	19.2
N Henderson	8	44	18.2
Mrs J Pitman	9	65	13.8
D Nicholson	9	76	11.8

Only qualifiers

JOCKEYS

	Winners	Rides	Per Cent
D Browne	8	16	50.0
G Bradley	8	19	42.1
S Smith Eccles	8	35	22.9
S Morshead	27	140	19.3
P Barton	8	74	10.8

Only qualifiers

Thurles an option for Desert Orchid

By George Rae

It seems scarcely just that Desert Orchid's win in the F.U.'s Jeans Gainsborough Handicap Chase at Sandown on Saturday, *a performance of the* highest quality, should have no direct bearing on steeplechasing's greatest prize, the Cheltenham Gold Cup.

His aversion to left-handed tracks — Sandown is right-handed — has dissuaded his trainer, David Elsworth, from entering him for the Gold Cup, which closed last week. Elsworth, however, has no regrets. He said: "I'm glad he's not in the Gold Cup or I might be tempted to run him.

"He's won all we could have expected of him at this stage of the season and although I have him in the two-mile Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham and a race at Liverpool they would be exploratory runs to see if he would go left-handed in the future."

Elsworth is still considering sending Desert Orchid to Thurles, one of the leading right-handed tracks in Ireland, for the P.Z. Mower Chase on the re-scheduled date of February 26.

Few would begrudge his jockey, Colin Brown, the victory. Brown opted for Combs Ditch in preference to Desert Orchid in the King George VI Chase at Kempton and the following day fell at the last on Floyd in the valuable Top Rank Christmas Hurdle. "This was the most exciting ride of my life," he said.

Those immediately behind him, Stearsby and Bolands Cross, did little to enhance their Gold Cup prospects, although *Bolands Cross dropped his hind* legs in the water jump causing him to lose his place at a vital time. But his trainer, Nick Gaselee, admitted afterwards: "It would be a brave man who said it made the difference between winning and losing. He will go to straight to Cheltenham now and Peter Scudamore will ride."

Stearsby's jumping was not entirely fluent but Jenny Pitman expressed herself "happy" with the run. "He was not suited by the distance or the fast ground. But he improves as spring comes and I'll give him one more run before the Gold Cup."

The bookmakers, however, were unimpressed. In a Gold Cup betting market which badly needs some positive information, Stearsby has eased to a general 6-1, higher in places, with Bolands Cross on offer at 20-1 *with Ladbrokes. Forgive'N Forget,* who runs in the Vincent O'Brien Gold Cup at Leopardstown on Saturday, has hardened to *3-1 favourite.*

The significance of going in racing was underlined by the finish of the Bonanza Jeans Hurdle. Prideaux Boy, suited by good ground, was too quick on the run-in for the mud-loving Mrs Muck and beat her by half a length.

Prideaux Boy, fourth to See You Then in last year's Champion Hurdle, will again run in the Champion providing the going is not too soft and will take in the Kingwell Pattern Hurdle *at Wincanton* later this month en route. Mrs Muck's immediate target is the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury next week, *also the objective of the third,* the former champion hurdler, Gaye Brief.

Gaye Brief's rider, Richard *Linley,* only recently *returned* from a long absence through injury, dislocated his shoulder between the last two hurdles.

Alone Success was installed as second favourite for the *Daily Express* Triumph Hurdle after his debut win in the Ripley Novices' *Hurdle,* a position he shares with the emphatic Wetherby winner, Dhoni.

Sherwood at fault on unfortunate Barnbrook Again

By Our Irish Racing Correspondent

The Champion Hurdle scene *underwent* a substantial transformation at Leopardstown yesterday when the Cheltenham second favourite, Barnbrook Again, *was surprisingly beaten* by Deep Idol in the Wessel Cable Champion Hurdle.

On his previous visit, Barnbrook Again had taken a commanding lead after the third last flight in The Ladbroke and gone on to an easy victory. It looked as if that pattern would be duplicated when Barnbrook Again, having outjumped the *other* English challenger, Ibn Majed, at three successive hurdles, took a three-length lead on the long run to the penultimate *flight.*

Turning into the straight victory look assured but Simon Sherwood allowed his mount to relax and came off the far rail, thereby allowing Deep Idol to mount a challenge on his inside. *Even* now Sherwood did not seem to appreciate the threat as he looked over his right shoulder.

An unbalanced Barnbrook Again then made a very clumsy jump at the last, leaving Deep Idol to go on and win by two lengths. Another six lengths further back Ibn Majed took third prize with Bonalma a *further six lengths behind in* fourth.

The first and second will renew rivalry in the Waterford Crystal Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham but representatives of the major bookmaking firms all took the view that Barnbrook Again will have his revenge.

He has eased out to 8-1 for Cheltenham but Deep Idol is on offer at 12-1. I believe that the yesterday's winner had luck on his side and, while he is a useful performer on his day, consistency is not a noted trait.

The Ellier, an even more fortunate winner of the Harold Clarke Leopardstown Chase following the disqualification of Lastofthebrownies, was second in this race a year ago and Arthur Moore, his trainer, said he would take his chance in the Seagram Grand National for *which he has been given a 50-1* quote.

Barrow Line retained his unbeaten record over fences by giving Dromoland Lad 19lb and a three-quarter length beating in the Wessel Arkle Challenge Cup.

Pat Hughes, his trainer, intends to bring Barrow Line back to Leopardstown on Saturday for the Vincent O'Brien Gold Cup in which he will be opposed by Forgive'N Forget among others.

His performance in that type of company will determine his Cheltenham objective with the Tote Gold Cup a distinct possibility. *He is also* entered for the Sun Alliance Chase and the Arkle Trophy.

Going: yielding
3.10 WESSEL CABLE CHAMPION HURDLE (2m) 1, DEEP IDOL (N Madden, 12-1); 2, Barnbrook Again (S Sherwood, 4-5 fav); 3, Ibn Majed (J McLaughlin, 4-1). ALSO RAN: Bonalma (4th), Herbert United, Son Of Ivor, Kiora. 7 ran. 2l, 6l. P Osborne.

Scudamore suspended

Peter Scudamore was yesterday *suspended for four days* from February 17-20 inclusive for going the wrong side of a marker in the Harold Clarke Chase (Our Irish Correspondent writes).

Scudamore, riding Lastofthebrownies, passed the winning post 15 lengths clear of The Ellier but the stewards quickly announced his disqualification *and imposed a £200 fine on top* of the suspension.

The English champion jockey had earlier fallen at the first on Kiora *in the Wessel Cable* Champion Hurdle.

Naylor-Leyland opens season with a treble

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

David Naylor-Leyland enjoyed a memorable afternoon at Tweseldown on Saturday when he rode three winners at the Staff College and RMA Drag Hunt meeting on the opening day of the point-to-point season.

After the disappointment of having to pull up his own horse, Antartico, in the members, won by Astral Spirit, he gained swift *compensation when riding* Eddie Wood's Highland Blaze to victory in division two of the mixed open.

His success carried an added frustration for Mike Felton, the rider of the second horse, Sutton *Prince. Highland Blaze* was one of the horses on which Peter Greenall had six wins last season, denying Felton the title, and *now one of his main rivals* this year, Naylor-Leyland, rubbed salt into the wound.

Highland Blaze is trained by Henrietta Knight as is Reynard's Bow, a comfortable winner for Naylor-Leyland in the Army Saddle Club race after the early fall of White Paper. In between he was successful on Crayke, a hitherto unraced six-year-old from John Porter's livery yard, who won the maiden race impressively from Geoffrey Maundrell on Quack Quack.

Alison Dare, the reigning ladies' champion, had no rides yesterday but was present to see Amanda Harwood, the 1986 runner-up, complete a double on Red Shah and Lawn Meet, who gave her a total of 14 wins last season.

Red Shah won division one of the mixed open, making virtually all to beat Flamenco Dancer by 2½ lengths with the well-fancied Matt Murphy a never-dangerous fourth.

Her next win was in the Audi qualifier when Lawn Meet made steady progress to lead after the *water jump on the final circuit* until headed by Okeydoke (Mike Felton) between the last two fences. Felton seemed to have timed his challenge to perfection but when Miss Harwood kicked again Lawn Meet responded and came away to win by 2½ lengths.

Miss Harwood's attempt at a treble in division three of the mixed open foundered when Only For Love, her new horse this season, was never a factor. The race was won by 18-year-old *Tim Mitchell, recording the* third point-to-point success of his career on Lucky Friday.

Reports on the Old Raby *Hunt Club* and Waveney meetings will appear tomorrow.

OLD RABY HUNT CLUB (Witton Castle): Mdn: The Ridings. Mixed Open: Navigational Aid. Adj: Sally Way. Rest: Pampering. Members: Likely Tale.
STAFF COLLEGE RMA DRAG HUNT (Tweseldown): Hunt: Astral Spirit. Mixed Open I: Red Shah. Audi Adj: 1, Lawn Meet; 2, *Okeydoke;* 3, *Final Effort.* Mixed Open II: Highland Blaze. Mdn: Crayke. Mixed Open III: Lucky Friday. Army: Reynard's Bow.
WAVENEY HARRIERS (Higham): Hunt: Natural Love. Adj: *Noah Wood.* Open: Midsummer Gladness. RMC Ladies: 1, Random Leg; 2, Martineau; 3, Bright Arrow. Rest: Kilwarden. Mdn: Annadine.

Saturday's results

Sandown Park

1.30 1, Taberna Lord (8-1); 2, Vino Festa (12-1); 3, Hoorah Henry (20-1). Wide Boy 7-2 fav 14 ran.

2.0 1, Chief Ironside (12-1); 2, Bishops Yarn (10-11 fav); 3, Half Free (6-5). 3 ran.

2.30 1, Desert Orchid (11-4); 2, Stearsby (3-1); 3, Bolands Cross (9-4 fav). 6 ran.

3.0 1, Prideaux Boy (9-4 jt-fav); 2, Mrs Muck (11-2); 3, Gaye Brief (7-1). Corporal Clinger 9-4 jt-fav 7 ran.

3.35 1, Far Bridge (9-2); 2, Townley Stone (5-2); 3, Paddyboro (2-1 fav). 5 ran.

4.5 1, *Alone Success* (8-1); 2, *Aldino* (5-2 fav); 3, Pragada (11-1). 20 ran.

Wetherby

2.0 1, Dhoni (2-5 fav: Mandarin's nap and Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Tancred Sand (16-1); 3, Bessacarr Boy (20-1). 21 ran.

2.30 1, Mick's Star (Evens fav); 2, Whats What (9-2); 3, Brig O'Balgownie (8-1). 12 ran.

3.0 1, String Player (7-1); 2, Buck Up (5-2 fav); 3, Cool Strike (8-1); 4, Ha'penny Nap (12-1). 18 ran.

3.30 1, Earls Brig (5-4 fav); 2, Edenspring (7-1); 3, Honourable Man (16-1). 11 ran. NR: Wool Merchant.

4.0 1, Dark Ivy (11-1); 2, *Durham Edition* (8-1); 3, Jimbrook (4-1). Repington 13-8 fav. 9 ran.

4.35 1, Alarm Call (6-4 fav); 2, Spark Of Peace (14-1); 3, Weardale (5-1). 23 ran. NR: Waverley Mill, *Asermanda.*

Stratford

1.45 1, Fort Lino (6-5 fav); 2, Rondeau (25-1); 3, My Derya (12-1). 17 ran.

2.15 1, Shuttlecock Star (9-2); 2, Honeycroft (11-4 fav); 3, Vulgaris (10-1); 4, Dalby Girl (16-1). 17 ran.

2.45 1, Our Fun (11-2); 2, River Warrior (8-1); 3, Marina Reef (11-2). A Boy Named Sioux 5-1 fav. 11 ran. NR: Uncle Max, Good Trade.

3.15 1, Melideux (4-5 fav); 2, Hickling Squires (25-1); 3, Nodalotte (33-1). 15 ran. NR: Riverside Park.

3.45 1, Phil Grey (5-1); 2, Village Mark (16-1); 3, Desert Fox (4-5 fav) 16 ran.

4.15 1, Melman (11-1); 2, Musical Mystery (10-1); 3, Orbital Manoeuvers (8-1); 4, Dodgy *Future* (8-1). Freemason 4-1 fav. 17 ran. NR: Prince Ramboro.

● Dark Ivy, trained by Gordon Richards, pressed his Grand National claims with a win in the Ripon Handicap Chase at Wetherby on Saturday.

Leaders over the jumps

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	[illegible]
J Fitzgerald	58	24	18	0	+22.81
M Pipe	49	21	17	2	-35.65
G Richards	45	36	29	0	-7.57
G Balding	37	24	19	0	+35.71
J Gifford	35	24	26	0	+3.59
M H Easterby	33	24	17	9	-20.15
W Stephenson	33	41	25	9	-98.01
D Nicholson	28	18	20	17	+6.83
D Elsworth	26	19	11	0	+60.95
N Henderson	26	14	13	0	+27.87
J Jenkins	26	31	22	17	-124.85
Mrs J Pitman	25	21	22	0	+5.37

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	[illegible]
P Scudamore	69	52	38	13	-102.24
M Dwyer	63	31	24	1	-9.67
P Tuck	46	38	34	3	-52.91
R Dunwoody	45	37	39	7	-68.60
G Bradley	38	21	12	2	-6.25
S Sherwood	38	28	21	6	+30.63
C Grant	36	49	39	17	-135.78
B Powell	30	39	32	2	-124.43
S S Eccles	30	18	23	0	-4.96
H Dewes	28	32	21	14	-75.21
R Rowe	28	22	27	3	-38.17

FOOTBALL

Everton display the character to secure championship again

By Steve Bates

Everton 3
Coventry City 1

Such is the quality of Everton these days that, still weakened by injuries, trailing 1-0, and having been outplayed for the first 43 minutes by a resurgent Coventry, they fought back to a victory which ousts Arsenal from the League summit.

Coventry's defender, Peake, having now faced both Arsenal and Everton in a matter of weeks, was left in little doubt that the Merseysiders have the equipment to carry them to a second League title in three seasons.

"Everton will be there or thereabouts at the end, because they have a knack of scoring goals when it matters. They haven't even got a full-strength team out yet, but if they get everyone fit for the final push in the last six weeks I can see them going all the way," Peake said.

On this latest evidence it will be difficult to argue, for although Kendall admitted "it wasn't one of our better performances", Everton nevertheless overcame a side bulging with confidence after their FA Cup victory at Manchester United.

Although Everton needed a deflected goal and a harsh penalty decision to divert the course of the match, the re-emergence of Reid and Van Den Hauwe, making their first League appearances of the season, was a significant step towards seizing the title from nearby Anfield.

With long-term casualties, Sheedy and Bracewell, hoping to rejoin the championship challenge in its closing stages, Kendall is holding a strong hand at a crucial point in the campaign.

But Everton could not have complained if theyhad ended up losers against a Coventry side who played with skilful adventure. From the first whistle, when City stroked the ball between themselves for over a minute, their objective was clear, and when Regis punished Watson for an elementary defensive error after 13 minutes, Everton were in trouble.

Had Phillips and Regis converted further clear-cut openings in the following 15 minutes, Kendall's men would have been in deep trouble. However, after their fortunate equalizer, when Stevens saw his speculative shot deflect viciously off Pickering and into the net, Everton raided with more penetration. Although McGrath was unlucky to be penalized for hand ball, from which Steven lashed home the resulting spot-kick, there was no disputing the quality of Heath's headed third.

Even then, Coventry kept pressing, Southall denying Regis and Pickering. Ogrizovic, the Coventry goalkeeper, summed up his team's feeling when he said: "After their first goal went in I knew it wasn't to be our day. If we'd been playing any other side but Everton or perhaps Liverpool we would have won."

EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, P Van Den Hauwe, K Ratcliffe, D Watson, P Reid, T Steven, A Heath, G Sharp (sub: A Harper), I Snodin, P Power.
COVENTRY: S Ogrizovic; B Borrows, G Downs, D Emerson, B Kilcline, T Peake, L McGrath (sub: M Gynn), D Phillips, C Regis, K Houchen, N Pickering.
Referee: J Key.

Fine start but not a gloss finish

By Gerry Harrison

Ipswich Town 0
Portsmouth 1

Portsmouth's victory at Portman Road on Saturday, courtesy of Tait's eighteenth minute goal, confirmed that their position as clear leaders of the second division is thoroughly justified. So why some of their players resorted to such irritating and abrasive tactics is difficult to explain — the more so when their manager, Alan Ball, gave the impression afterwards that we were imagining things.

After skilfully withstanding the opening Ipswich onslaught, even with an untried 18-year-old, Liam Daish, in the defence, they took the lead when a free kick from O'Callaghan, the former Ipswich player, was neatly headed-in by Tait for his first goal of the season. Then came the transformation from Jekyll to Hyde with bookings for Handyman, Swain, Tait and O'Callaghan in a 20-minute spell.

All this unfairly took the spotlight away from their passing skills, ideas, organization, the boldness of two wingers and the talent of Dillon, Quinn and Blake in particular.

Ipswich ill-advisedly tried to take the law into their own hands and just as quickly they levelled the caution count with bookings for Yallop, Brennan, Humes and McCall. Their bad temper was partly caused by the frustration of having plenty of territorial control yet no finish punch. But there was more to it than that.

"I can't understand it," said Alan Ball. "When Norwich were 10 points clear at the top last season everyone wrote wonderful things about them. Now, people seem to want to knock my little club. I was as proud of them here as I was ashamed of them last week in the Cup. Everywhere we go we attract the biggest gate of the season for that club. Bookings or no bookings, we did a splendid job here."

IPSWICH TOWN: P Cooper; F Yallop (sub: M Stockwell), S McCall, I Atkins, J Dozzell, I Cranson, A Humes, M Brennan, M Cole, K Wilson, N Zondervan.
PORTSMOUTH: A Knight; K Swain, P Hardyman, K Dillon, N Blake, L Daish, K O'Callaghan, M Tait, M Quinn, P Mariner, V Hilaire.
Referee: C Downey.

Micklewhite magic saves the day

By Nicholas Harling

Derby County 2
Birmingham City 2

For a side whose most recent expensive purchase has done nothing to conceal their promotion aspirations, Derby County are making devilishly hard work of winning some of their games. Perhaps it is their way of enticing extra paying customers, the dictum being that if they are kept on tenterhooks, they will keep coming. On this latest evidence there will be a lot of frayed nerves around the Baseball Ground come May, should Derby still be among the contenders for a first division place.

Three times now Derby have made up two-goal deficits to finish with some reward. Saturday's game with a Birmingham City side suffering from the ignominy of losing an FA Cup tie to their gloating third division neighbours from Walsall, must have been one Derby expected to win with something to spare. But any prospect of that materializing had disappeared within the opening half hour, by which time the visitors had taken a two-goal lead.

Ultimately it was only the wizardry of Micklewhite, who successfully deflected much of the attention away from Callaghan — Derby's £140,000 new signing from Watford — that saved Derby's day even if it was Gee, on one of his least impressive displays, who scored the face-saving goals.

Callaghan, from one of whose crosses Williams headed against his own bar, had the kind of debut that suggested he will be an asset just as soon as Derby adjust to giving him more of the ball. He might even have won the game for his new club had not Hansbury tipped aside his late, fierce drive which the goalkeeper immediately bettered with his subsequent reflex save from Gee.

Birmingham may not be the most endearing of clubs, but if they had their backs to the wall for the most part, they resisted in a manner which was captivating, not the least reason being that their goals were so well taken. Any vision of Birmingham being made to pay for Clarke's sliced miss from Dicks' sixth-minute cross had evaporated within 20 minutes, Clarke redeeming himself with an exquisite through ball and Bremner belying his 35 years to race clear and beat Wallington from an acute angle after his initial shot had been parried.

Such composure was matched soon after by Whitton, who made a difficult chance look easy as he ran through to score after MacLaren had botched a clearance. But Micklewhite, who gave Roberts a torrid afternoon, weaved past the full back for the umpteenth time to provide Gee's first goal and then laid on the second which the forward accepted with a masterly turn and shot in off the far upright.

"We needed to stop them getting width," said John Bond, Birmingham's manager. He would have been delighted, he added, had he been told beforehand that Birmingham would glean a point "but I have got to be disappointed, haven't I, because we lost a two-goal lead."

DERBY COUNTY: M Wallington; M Sage, M Forsyth, M Lillis, R Hindmarch, R MacLaren, G Micklewhite, P Gee, R Davison, J Gregory, N Callaghan.
BIRMINGHAM: R Hansbury; R Ranson, B Roberts, T Williams, V Overton, J Dicks, D Bremner, W Clarke, S Whitton, A Rees, M Kuhl.
Referee: R G Milford.

Pleat's award

David Pleat, the Tottenham Hotspur manager, has been elected Bell's Whisky manager of the month for January.

Collision: Clive Allen, left, of Tottenham, vies with Kenny Sansom yesterday. Report, page 40 (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Progress hard to calculate

By Vince Wright

Chelsea 2
Sheffield Wednesday 0

In terms of results the post-Christmas period has been highly successful for Chelsea. They have moved off the bottom of the first division to the relative safety of sixteenth position thanks to four wins and a draw from their last six League matches. Yet neither the supporters nor the players are convinced that the club is making progress.

Against Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday Chelsea's attendance of 12,493 was their second lowest in the League this season and that figure cannot entirely be blamed on their FA Cup exit at Watford last week.

There has been a further outbreak of unrest at the club and several Chelsea players see their future elsewhere. One of them, Hazard, rescued a game that was dying on its feet when he replaced Wood after 60 minutes. His first touch gave Durie the chance to run into the area, where he was clumsily fouled by Morris. Hazard scored from the penalty.

Five minutes later Hazard began another left wing move, continued by Speedie, which led to Durie's centre being turned into his own net by Madden.

The goals may have persuaded Chelsea's beleaguered manager, John Hollins, that he was wrong to omit Hazard and that the midfield player is worth a regular place in the side. It will be interesting to see if Hazard is picked for tomorrow's home fixture against Oxford United. He has scored after coming on as a substitute three times this season.

Before Hazard's intervention Wednesday looked more likely to end the stalemate and Godden had to save well from Bradshaw and Shelton. Chelsea did not force a corner until 20 minutes from the end and Wednesday were too sluggish to take advantage.

CHELSEA: A Godden; D Wood (sub: M Hazard), K Dublin, S Clarke, S Wicks, J Bumstead, P Nevin, C Pates, G Durie, D Speedie, N Spackman.
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: M Hodge; C Morris, G Snodin, S Jonsson, M Smith, L Madden, B Marwood, G Megson, L Chapman, C Bradshaw (sub: M Chamberlain), G Shelton.
Referee: B Hill.

Sutton stops fraying Forest coming apart at the seams

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Watford 1
Nottingham Forest 1

Nottingham Forest, whose season is already fraying at the edges, might have been torn beyond repair on Saturday. But for the hand of fortune and the limbs of their goalkeeper, they could have been five down within half-an-hour and the rest of the afternoon might have become a disheartening humiliation.

Barnes, opposed at the near post only by his own colleagues, put Watford ahead within a couple of minutes. Falco, similarly unattended, clipped a post, Porter's half volley ricocheted off the legs of Sutton, Jackett drove narrowly over the bar and Blissett's header was clawed off the line. When Watford catch the scent they can be as ruthless as lean jackals closing in on wounded prey. But the smell, as if caught by the wind, drifted away and Forest, protected by luck, not only survived but later recovered sufficiently to collect a morsel of their own.

During the opening stages of the season, no one was full of more promise. Brian Clough's side was consistently and deservedly regarded as the most exciting in the land but there was a flaw in their design that suggested that Forest would be unable to sustain a genuine challenge for the highest honour. Though their youths are talented (six of them are caught somewhere between the England Under-21 team and the full international squad), there was not enough experience to accompany them on the long journey. Bowyer, at aged 35, is approaching not so much the dusk as the midnight of his career.

Since Metgod, a victim of influenza, was absent and Birtles, their only other senior representative, was present for the first time this year, Bowyer was left carrying a heavy burden. He could do little either to tighten the marking of Fairclough and Walker in defence or to control the wayward Carr in attack.

Carr was an influential figure in Forest's early progress. Now as involved in contractual problems as he is in weaving his own intricate patterns down the right flank, he is moving further and further onto the periphery as Graham Taylor pointed out, his young winger, Porter, was the more effective of the two.

The Watford manager thought that Birtles, who turned Bowyer's shot to his advantage, had looked offside when he claimed the equalizer ten minutes after the interval. "But we were lucky with Blissett's goal in the FA Cup against Chelsea last week," he said, "and, looking at our League position, I would rather that things went our way in the knockout competition."

WATFORD: A Coton; D Bardsley, W Rostron, K Richardson, S Sims, J McClelland, L Blissett, J Barnes, M Falco, K Jackett, G Porter.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: S Sutton; G Fleming, S Pearce, D Walker, C Fairclough, I Bowyer, F Carr, N Webb, N Clough, G Birtles, G Mills.
Referee: K Hackett.

Robson could be in party

By Simon Jones

Charlton 0
Manchester United 0

In boxing it is said 'they never come back': in football some players never seem to do anything else. Bryan Robson is the master of the genre.

Robson's body is like a second-hand car. As soon as one bit is fixed another seems to break down. There is a unique kind of tension in watching him play, his boldness always inviting the moment when he gets injured again.

It did not take long. In the fourth minute he went down after a badly misjudged tackle by Walsh, his ankle immobilized as if a ball and chain had been snapped round it. But, this time, he recovered albeit after a two-minute delay.

It is a measure of how pedestrian Manchester United are that Robson, who was obviously pacing himself, made such an impact. In the first half he had three shots, all on target, and that was more than any other United players. Clearly, he had recovered sufficiently from his hamstring injury and it is probable that the England manager, Bobby Robson, will include him in the party, to be announced today, for the international against Spain in Madrid on February 18.

Unfortunately, though, the first half ended with Robson missing a penalty which had rather harshly been awarded for a challenge by Peake on Olsen. But it was not so much a bad spot-kick by Robson — the ball being struck firmly towards the post — as an excellent save by Charlton Athletic's impeccable goalkeeper, Bolder.

The Charlton manager, Lennie Lawrence, compared United to Everton in the pace they played at and the amount of pressure they put his team under. But when you are in Charlton's position — they have only won one of their last 15 League games — any reasonable first division side must seem pretty good.

In fact, United were disappointing. They played containing football for the first 20 minutes and generally lacked adventure. Though there are signs that their manager, Alex Ferguson, is having some success in increasing the motivation of his players — with the exception of Stapleton — their pattern of play is as predictable as night and day.

Charlton, despite lacking confidence, are at least inventive, the child of Lawrence's energetic mind. The Charlton manager hopes to be able to raise enough money to make a signing, presumably a forward or attacking midfield player, in the near future and Saturday's gate of 15,482 will help his cash flow. Sadly, however, all the indications are that the laws of economics will put Charlton back in the second division.

CHARLTON ATHLETIC: R Bolder; J Humphrey, M Reid, A Peake, S Thompson, P Shirtliff, R Milne, M Stuart, R Lee, A Curbishley, C Walsh.
MANCHESTER UNITED: C Turner; J Sivebaek, C Gibson, M Duxbury, W Garton, K Moran, B Robson, G Strachan, F Stapleton, T Gibson (sub: P Davenport), J Olsen.
Referee: J E Bray.

CRICKET

Recall of Younis puts draw in shade

From Richard Streeton, Madras

Pakistan's bizarre decision on Saturday night to recall the controversial Younis Ahmed to the Test scene after a 17-year gap aroused more interest than anything else that happened yesterday as the first Test match drifted to a draw. Younis, who is expected to play in the second Test in Calcutta on Wednesday, won his two previous caps in October 1969 and was later banned from Pakistan cricket for playing in South Africa.

Imran Khan and his vice-captain, Javed Miandad, both feel that Younis's mature left-handed batting will counter the threat posed by India's left-arm spinners. They are willing to risk any discord which Younis's unexpected return might provoke. Certainly it seems an untimely decision so early on a tour on which Pakistan have made a glut of runs in every game.

Younis is an improbable candidate, too, in several respects, to be cast in the role as his country's saviour. At 39 he is old in Asian cricket terms. He has figured in several unfortunate incidents on and off the field during 22 years with Surrey, Worcestershire and Glamorgan.

In due course Younis became qualified to play for England but his ambition to do so was never taken seriously by the selectors. Surrey released him after 14 years in 1978 and a five-year spell with Worcestershire ended when he was disciplined for placing a bet against his own team. Last summer he topped Glamorgan's averages but in August he sought release from his contract to concentrate on a restaurant business in Hampstead.

Last December Younis returned to Pakistan, where he made his peace with the cricket board. He was made captain of Lahore and his comeback began with two successive centuries and he has been a consistent scorer since.

Meanwhile Gavaskar has rejected pleas to play in Calcutta and Raman Lamba is expected to open with Srikkanth. Lamba, another batsman, Arun Lal, and an all-rounder, Binny, come into India's 14, in place of Gavaskar, Bharat Arun and Gopal Sharma.

With the pitch completely docile, there was never a chance that yesterday's cricket would have any relevance. Amarnath and Vengsarkar extended their third-wicket stand to 185 on Saturday with some accomplished strokeplay and Kapil Dev allowed the innings to run its course.

India declared overnight and Ramiz Raja was quickly caught at extra cover. Rizwan-uz-Zaman then stayed the rest of the day and shared dour stands with Shoaib Mohammad and Javed Miandad.

PAKISTAN: First Innings 487 for 9 dec (Imran Khan 135 not out, Shoaib Mohammed 101, Javed Miandad 94; Maninder Singh 5 for 135).

Second Innings

Rameez Raja c Azharuddin b Kulkarni	14
Shoaib Mohammed c Vengsarkar b Maninder	45
Rizwan-uz-Zaman not out	54
Javed Miandad st More b Maninder	54
Salim Malik not out	6
Extras (lb 3, nb 6)	9
Total (3 wkts)	182

Ijaz Ahmed, Imran Khan, Abdul Qadir, Wasim Akram, †Saleem Yousuf and Tauseef Ahmed did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-17, 2-70, 3-160.
BOWLING: Kapil Dev 9-1-36-0; Kulkarni 5-0-15-1; Shastri 18-5-42-0; Maninder 26-10-47-2; Yadav 15-4-29-0; Srikkanth 3-0-6-0; Gavaskar 1-0-4-0.

INDIA: First Innings

S M Gavaskar c Tauseef b Qadir	91
K Srikkanth c Akram b Tauseef	123
M Amarnath run out	89
D B Vengsarkar st Yousuf b Tauseef	96
M Azharuddin st Yousuf b Tauseef	20
R J Shastri c Yousuf b Imran	41
*Kapil Dev c Ramiz b Qadir	5
†K S More lbw Akram	28
R R Kulkarni c Yousuf b Imran	2
N S Yadav not out	6
Maninder Singh not out	7
Extras (b 9, lb 5, nb 5)	19
Total (9 wkts)	527

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-200, 2-220, 3-405, 4-424, 5-429, 6-453, 7-494, 8-498, 9-515.
BOWLING: Wasim 34-10-78-1; Imran 27-4-103-2; Qadir 39-4-130-2; Tauseef 67-8-189-3; Shoaib 3-0-13-0.
Umpires: R Mehra and V K Ramaswamy.

Australia six short of target

From Ivo Tennant
Port Elizabeth

Nobody who saw the unofficial Australians' attempt to score 317 runs off 50 overs on Saturday, could charge them with thinking only of the money they will make out of this tour. They lost, but only by six runs.

South Africa's 316 for six was their highest total in one-day cricket. The first four batsmen scored the runs, as did the first four when the Australians batted. With 20 balls remaining, Hughes's side needed 19 to win with eight wickets intact.

Then Wessels, who had made his third century in successive innings, holed out on the boundary and the innings collapsed, the last eight wickets falling in 19 balls.

SOUTH AFRICA

S J Cook run out	70
R F Pienaar c and b Hohns	74
P N Kirsten c Wessels b Hogg	87
R G Pollock c Smith b Maguire	43
K S McEwan c Hughes b McCurdy	18
*C E B Rice not out	4
G S le Roux c Dyson b McCurdy	1
†D J Richardson not out	1
Extras (b 1, lb 16, w 1)	18
Total (6 wkts, 50 overs)	316

B M McMillan, H A Page, and A A Donald did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-151, 2-154, 3-259, 4-304, 5-312, 6-314.
BOWLING: Hogg 9-0-46-1; McCurdy 8-1-52-2; Maguire 10-0-57-1; Hohns 9-0-62-1; Faulkner 9-1-52-0; Wessels 5-0-30-0.

AUSTRALIAN XI

S B Smith run out	18
J Dyson c McMillan b Pienaar	69
K C Wessels c McEwan b le Roux	122
*K J Hughes b Rice	83
P I Faulkner c Pollock b Rice	1
T V Hohns c Pollock b le Roux	0
†S J Rixon b Rice	2
M D Haysman run out	4
J N Maguire b Rice	1
R J McCurdy not out	3
R M Hogg b Rice	0
Extras (b 3, lb 2, w 2)	7
Total (49.5 overs)	310

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-139, 3-298, 4-299, 5-302, 6-302, 7-303, 8-307, 9-310
BOWLING: le Roux 10-3-48-2; Donald 6-0-45-0; Page 10-0-57-0; McMillan 10-0-69-0; Rice 9.5-0-50-5; Pienaar 4-0-36-1

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

First division

A Villa	0	QPR	1
Charlton	0	Manchester Utd	0
Chelsea	2	Sheffield Wed	0
Everton	3	Coventry	1
Leicester	3	Wimbledon	1
Newcastle Utd	2	Luton	2
Southampton	1	Norwich	2
Watford	1	Nottingham For	1
West Ham Utd	0	Oxford United	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	27	16	5	6	52	22	53
Arsenal	26	15	7	4	41	15	52
Liverpool	26	14	6	6	45	24	48
Nottingham For	27	13	7	7	49	33	46
Luton	26	12	7	7	29	25	43
Norwich	26	11	10	5	37	36	43
Tottenham	25	12	5	8	41	29	41
Watford	26	10	7	9	44	33	37
West Ham	26	10	7	9	40	43	37
Coventry	27	10	7	10	28	32	37
Wimbledon	26	11	3	12	34	35	36
Sheffield Wed	27	8	10	9	39	42	34
Manchester Utd	26	8	9	9	33	28	33
QPR	26	9	6	11	27	32	33
Oxford United	26	8	8	10	30	41	32
Chelsea	26	7	8	11	32	45	29
Southampton	26	8	4	14	41	50	28
Leicester	26	7	6	13	34	45	27
Manchester C	26	6	9	11	24	35	27
Charlton	27	6	8	13	26	37	26
A Villa	26	6	6	14	30	54	24
Newcastle	26	5	7	14	27	46	22

Littlewoods Cup
Semi-final first leg

ARSENAL (0) 0 TOTTNHAM (1) 1
C Allen 41,306

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Bangor 0, Larne 3; Carrick 0, Ards 5; Coleraine 4, Cliftonville 1; Crusaders 3, Ballymena 3; Linfield 6, Distillery 0; Newry 1, Glentoran 1; Portadown 1, Glenavon 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Manchester United v Everton.

FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Luton 3, Swindon 0.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Dagenham 3, Runcorn 2; Enfield 2, Cheltenham 2; Kidderminster 3, Gateshead 1; Northwich 1, Telford 0; Nuneaton 1, Barnet 3; Scarborough 0, Maidstone 0; Stafford 2, Frickley 0; Wealdstone 0, Boston 4; Welling 1, Bath 1; Weymouth 2, Altrincham 2.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Barrow 2, Worksop 2; Gainsborough 2, Workington 0; Hyde Witton 0; Marine 0, Burton 0; Mossley 0, Macclesfield 0; Southport 2, Chorley 1.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Alvechurch 4, Kings Lynn 1; Aylesbury 4, Worcester 1; Bedworth 3, Folkestone 1; Bromsgrove 1, Willenhall 2; Corby 3, Redditch 0; Dartford 5, Dudley 0; Fareham 1, Chelmsford 1; Fisher 1, Gosport 1; Shepshed 5, Salisbury 0; Witney 2, Basingstoke 1. Postponed: Cambridge City v Crawley. Southern division: Chatham 0, Waterlooville 2; Dorchester 4, Sheppey 0; Dover 3, Ashford 2; Poole 0, Gravesend and Northfleet 4; Ruislip 2, Erith and Belvedere 1; Thanet 1, Hastings 3; Tonbridge 4, Canterbury 2; Trowbridge 0, Woodford 1. Midland division: Banbury 2, Coventry Sporting 4; Bilston 1, Mile Oak 2; Buckingham 1, Gloucester 1; Forest Green 2, Bridgnorth 4, Grantham 1, Halesowen 2; Sutton Coldfield 1, Rushden 1; VS Rugby 2, Stourbridge 0.

Second division

Barnsley	1	Millwall	0
Blackburn Rvrs	2	Shrewsbury	1
Bradford C	4	Grimsby	2
Brighton	0	Sunderland	3
Derby County	2	Birmingham	2
Huddersfield	2	West Brom	1
Hull	1	Oldham	0
Ipswich	0	Portsmouth	1
Reading	2	Plymouth Argyle	0
Sheffield Utd	0	Leeds United	0
Stoke	3	C Palace	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portsmouth	26	16	6	4	34	16	54
Derby County	25	14	5	6	39	24	47
Oldham	26	13	6	7	40	28	45
Stoke	26	12	5	9	41	27	41
Ipswich	26	11	8	7	42	29	41
Plymouth	26	11	8	7	41	35	41
Leeds	26	10	7	9	30	31	37
C Palace	26	12	1	13	35	42	37
Millwall	26	10	6	10	30	28	36
Birmingham	26	8	11	7	35	34	35
West Brom	26	9	7	10	33	29	34
Sunderland	25	8	9	8	31	30	33
Sheffield Utd	26	8	9	9	33	35	33
Grimsby	27	7	12	8	28	33	33
Shrewsbury	26	10	3	13	24	33	33
Reading	25	8	6	11	35	39	30
Hull	25	8	5	12	26	45	29
Blackburn	25	7	7	11	23	30	28
Brighton	26	7	7	12	25	33	28
Bradford	25	7	5	13	39	45	26
Barnsley	25	6	8	11	24	31	26
Huddersfield	24	7	5	12	30	40	26

MULTIPART LEAGUE: Bangor 3, Buxton 1; Goole 4, Oswestry 1; Horwich 0, South Liverpool 1.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Bognor 0, Barking 2; Bromley 4, Worthing 3; Farnborough 0, Wycombe 0; Hayes 0, Bishop's Stortford 0; St Albans 3, Wokingham 1; Slough 2, Hendon 1; Walthamstow 0, Harrow 1; Windsor and Eton 1, Dulwich 1; Yeovil 2, Hitchin 1. First division: Billericay 2, Finchley 2; Boreham Wood 1, Basildon 2; Bracknell 1, Leytonstone Ilford 3; Kingsbury 3, Hampton 2; Leyton Wingate 0, Stevenage 0, Maidenhead United 1, Grays 0; Oxford City 6, Lewes 1; Southwick 1, Tilbury 0; Wembley 1, Uxbridge 0. Second division north: Berkhamsted 2, Rainham 0; Clapton 3, Chesham 1; Harlow 1, Hertford 0; Hornchurch 1, Aveley 1; Royston 0, Barton 1; Tring 6, Hemel Hempstead 0; Ware 0, Wivenhoe 1; Wolverton 2, Letchworth GC 2. Second division south: Chalfont St Peter 2, Flackwell Heath 0; Dorking 5, Petersfield 0; Horsham 5, Southall 2; Molesey 1, Egham 1; Newbury 1, Harefield 0; Ruislip Manor 2, Hungerford 0. Postponed: Marlow v Banstead; Woking v Eastbourne United.

FA VASE: Fifth round: Collier Row 2, Havant 2 (aet); St Helens 4, Rainworth 1; Warrington 2, Vauxhall Motors 1 (aet); Emley 2, Rossendale 1 (aet); Haverhill 2, Heybridge 0; Witham 1, Falmouth 2; Mangotsfield 1, Dawlish 2 (aet).

KENT SENIOR TROPHY: Third round replay: Swanley 1, Cray 2.

LANCASHIRE TROPHY: Second round: Wren 1, Blackpool Mechanics 0.

MANCHESTER PREMIER CUP: Semi-final: Flixton 0, Ashton Utd 0.

ARTHUR DUNN CUP: First round replay: O Cholmeleians 3, Lancing OB 2. Second round replay: O Malvernians 1, O Brentwoods 0.

Third division

Blackpool	1	Swindon	1
Bolton W	3	Fulham	2
Brentford	3	Carlisle	1
Bristol C	5	Doncaster R	0
Chester	2	Bournemouth	2
Mansfield	1	Bury	3
Middlesbrough	1	Bristol Rovers	0
Notts County	4	Port Vale	1
Rotherham Utd	0	Chesterfield	1
Walsall	2	Wigan Ath	3
York	2	Gillingham	1

Postponed: Newport County v Darlington.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbrough	26	16	6	4	42	20	54
Bournemouth	27	15	7	5	43	30	52
Notts County	26	14	6	6	49	28	48
Gillingham	26	14	5	7	38	27	47
Swindon	26	13	6	7	42	30	45
Blackpool	25	11	10	4	44	26	43
Bristol C	26	12	6	8	39	23	42
Wigan	26	12	5	9	49	41	41
Mansfield	27	9	13	5	31	27	40
Doncaster R	25	10	5	10	38	38	35
Chesterfield	27	9	8	10	39	44	35
Walsall	25	9	5	11	44	48	32
Rotherham Utd	28	9	5	14	32	43	32
Port Vale	26	8	7	11	40	41	31
Fulham	27	7	10	10	40	48	31
Bristol R	25	8	7	10	29	41	31
York City	25	8	6	11	32	46	30
Brentford	27	7	8	12	35	45	29
Bury	27	7	7	13	35	40	28
Bolton W	27	7	7	13	37	43	28
Chester	24	4	14	6	31	35	26
Darlington	23	5	8	10	26	39	23
Carlisle Utd	26	6	5	15	26	45	23
Newport	25	4	8	13	27	41	20

SURREY SENIOR CUP: First round: Ash 2, Walton and Hersham 2; Carshalton Athletic 0, Sutton United 5; Chertsey 1, Leatherhead 1; Croydon 3, Hartley Wintney 0; Kingstonian 2, Tooting and Mitcham 1; Metropolitan Police 2, Epsom and Ewell 1; Whyteleafe 0, Camberley 1; Woking 4, Banstead 2.

SUSSEX SENIOR CUP: Third round second replay: Pagham 0, Crawley 4.

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: O Carthusians 1, O Reptonians 1. First division: O Aldenhamians 2, O Bradfieldians 1; Citizens 3, O Salopians 11; O Westminsters 4, O Wellingburians 2; O Wykehamists 0, O Harrovians 1.

COMBINED COUNTIES LEAGUE: BAe Weybridge 1, Hove 1; Farleigh 1, Virginia Water 1; Malden Town 2, Cobham 3; Malden Vale 1, Godalming 3; Merstham 0, Horley 2; Cranleigh 1, Farnham 2; Frimley Green 1, Westfield 0.

BUILDING SCENE EASTERN LEAGUE: Brantham 1, Histon 1; Bury 1, Sudbury 0; Clacton 1, Soham 1; Colchester United 2, Stowmarket 0; Ely 2, Harwich and Parkeston 1; Felixstowe 0, Newmarket 0; Gorleston 6, Wisbech 5; Lowestoft 0, Chatteris 0; March 3, Great Yarmouth 0; Thetford 1, Tiptree 2.

ESSEX LEAGUE: Bowers 4, Brentwood 1; Burnham 2, Stansted 0; Canvey Island 3, Maldon 1; Chelmsford 6, East Ham 1, East Thurrock 5, Brightlingsea 0; Purfleet 2, Sawbridgeworth 3; Woodford 0, Halstead 2.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clandown 1, Bideford 2; Chard 2, Clevedon 0; Plymouth Argyle 3, Bristol Manor Farm 0; Paulton 3, Exmouth 1. Postponed: Torrington v Chippenham. League Cup: Welton 1, Keynsham 0 (aet).

Fourth division

Exeter	1	Crewe	0
Halifax	1	Preston	3
Hereford	0	Southend	1
Lincoln	0	Cardiff	1
Peterborough	1	Wrexham	0
Rochdale	0	Orient	0
Scunthorpe	2	Aldershot	0
Torquay	1	Cambridge Utd	0
Wolverhampton	3	Stockport	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Northampton	27	21	5	1	75	30	68
Preston N-End	26	14	6	6	40	28	48
Swansea	28	13	9	6	41	30	48
Southend	27	14	5	8	42	31	47
Exeter	28	9	14	5	35	25	41
Wrexham	25	10	9	6	42	28	39
Colchester	29	11	6	12	42	43	39
Scunthorpe	26	10	8	8	47	35	38
Hereford	27	9	9	9	41	35	36
Peterborough	28	9	9	10	35	33	36
Wolverhampton	28	10	5	13	29	36	35
Aldershot	25	10	4	11	33	35	34
Halifax	26	10	4	12	35	40	34
Lincoln	26	9	7	10	31	35	34
Cambridge Utd	27	8	9	10	40	40	33
Cardiff	24	8	9	7	26	29	33
Crewe	28	7	10	11	41	48	31
Tranmere	27	7	10	10	35	44	31
Hartlepool	27	6	12	9	27	35	30
Orient	25	8	5	12	28	38	29
Burnley	27	7	7	13	32	49	28
Torquay	25	4	11	10	32	44	23
Stockport	25	5	7	13	18	40	22
Rochdale	23	3	10	10	20	35	19

HALLS BREWERY HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon United 1, Penhill 1; Bicester 1, Yate 1; Hounslow 3, Sharpness 1; Moreton 2, Morris Motors 2; Shortwood Utd 2, Wallingford 0; Supermarine 0, Abingdon Town 2; Thame 1, Viking Sports 0; Wantage 1, Fairford 0. Postponed: Rayners Lane v Pegasus.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Beaconsfield 2, Southgate 2; Brimsdown 6, Pennant 2; Crown and Manor 1, Beckton 3; Danson 0, Waltham Abbey 1; Edgware 1, Ulysses 0; Hanwell 1, Barkingside 0; Northwood 1, Amersham 1. League Cup: First round: Yeading 4, Corinthian Casuals 2.

DRYBROUGHS NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth 6, Consett 0; Brandon 1, Hartlepool 0; Crook 0, Gretna 3; Easington 2, Spennymoor 2; Ferryhill 1, North Shields 3; Newcastle Blue Star 0, South Bank 2; Whitby 3, Ryhope CA 1; Whitley Bay 3, Bishop Auckland 1.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Armthorpe 3, Bridlington Town 3; Bridlington Trinity 1, Denaby 3; North Ferriby 3, Harrogate 1; Sutton Town 0, Bentley VW 4. League Cup: Third round: Dronfield 0, Alfreton 1; Farsley 2, Brigg 0; Ossett 2, Frecheville CA 0; Pickering 5, Eastwood 0.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Burscough 0, Stalybridge 1; Clitheroe 3, Bootle 4; Congleton 3, Kirkby 0; Glossop 0, Fleetwood 0; Leek 3, Penrith 4; Leyland Motors 0, Eastwood Hanley 1; Netherfield 2, Irlam 2; Radcliffe 0, Winsford 1.

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: League Cup: Second round: Peacehaven and Telscombe 5, Sidley 0; Selsey 0, Arundel 3. First division: Chichester 1, Horsham YMCA 4; Hailsham 2, Three Bridges 3; Littlehampton 0, Whitehawk 1; Midhurst and Easebourne 1, Portfield 0; Shoreham 1, Burgess Hill 0; Wick 3, Lancing 3.

Scottish premier division

Aberdeen	1	Motherwell	0
Celtic	3	St Mirren	0
Clydebank	1	Dundee	1
Dundee Utd	2	Falkirk	1
Hamilton	0	Hibernian	1
Hearts	2	Rangers	5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Celtic	32	21	7	4	67	25	49
Rangers	31	21	5	5	60	16	47
Dundee Utd	30	19	6	5	51	24	44
Aberdeen	31	16	11	4	47	20	43
Hearts	31	16	8	7	52	31	40
Dundee	29	11	6	12	41	38	28
St Mirren	31	9	9	13	27	36	27
Motherwell	31	7	9	15	32	48	23
Hibernian	32	7	8	17	26	52	22
Falkirk	30	6	6	18	25	50	18
Clydebank	32	5	7	20	25	70	17
Hamilton	30	3	6	21	25	68	12

Scottish first division

Dumbarton	1	E Fife	1
Dunfermline	1	Airdrie	1
Forfar	3	Morton	3
Kilmarnock	1	Clyde	1
Montrose	3	Queen of Sth	0
Partick	0	Brechin	0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dunfermline	29	15	9	5	44	28	39
Morton	31	15	7	9	65	43	37
E Fife	31	10	16	5	47	41	36
Dumbarton	30	15	5	10	45	36	35
Airdrie	30	14	7	9	37	30	35
Kilmarnock	31	11	9	11	43	37	31
Forfar	29	8	12	9	42	44	28
Partick	29	8	11	10	36	37	27
Queen of Sth	31	8	10	13	38	48	26
Clyde	27	6	12	9	32	35	24
Brechin	29	7	6	16	31	55	20
Montrose	29	6	6	17	25	51	18

Scottish second division

Ayr United	3	Stirling Alb	1
Berwick	0	Albion R	1
E Stirling	1	Arbroath	2
Meadowbank	1	Cowdenbeath	0
Queen's Park	1	Alloa	1
Raith	1	Stenhsmuir	0

Postponed: Stranraer v Saint Johnstone.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Raith	25	11	12	2	49	27	34
Ayr	25	14	5	6	45	38	33
Meadowbank	24	13	6	5	43	23	32
Snt Johnstne	25	11	9	5	42	32	31
Cowdenbeath	26	12	5	9	39	37	29
Alloa	24	12	4	8	34	31	28
Stirling	23	9	8	6	29	21	26
Albion R	23	11	4	8	33	32	26
Queen's Park	25	5	13	7	34	37	23
Stranraer	24	7	7	10	29	32	21
Arbroath	27	7	4	16	32	52	18
Stenhsmuir	25	5	7	13	22	37	17
Berwick	25	5	5	15	28	44	15
E Stirling	25	3	7	15	22	40	13

Scottish Cup
Third round

Snt Johnstone	4	Whitehill	0

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Charlton 4, QPR 0; Chelsea 2, West Ham 0; Gillingham 1, Tottenham 5; Millwall 2, Orient 2; Norwich 2, Cambridge Utd 0; Portsmouth 2, Ipswich 0; Watford 6, Fulham 0. Second division: Brighton 1, Luton 3; Northampton 0, Crystal Palace 3; Oxford United 5, Brentford 0; Southampton 11, Colchester United 0; Tottenham 1, Reading 1.

NENE GROUP UNITED COUNTIES LEAGUE: Ampthill 2, Eynesbury 4; Bourne 1, Wootton 3; Brackley 0, Potton 2; Kempston 0, Baldock 0; Long Buckby 3, Arlesey 1; Raunds 8, Stamford 1; St Neots 1, Desborough 3; Spalding 1, Rothwell 0; Stotfold 3, Holbeach 2.

WESSEX LEAGUE: Eastleigh 1, Thatcham 0; Horndean 2, Bashley 5; Lymington 0, Totton 0; Newport 4, Brockenhurst 1; Portsmouth RN 1, Steyning 2; Sholing 0, Romsey 0; Road Sea 2, Portals 2.

Dennis awaits report

Southampton are awaiting with anxiety the official report from the Welsh referee, Keith Cooper, before they discover if their full back, Mark Dennis, will miss the second leg of the Littlewoods Cup semi-final at Liverpool in two weeks.

If, as manager Chris Nicholl fears, Dennis was credited with four disciplinary points for the tackle which resulted in the Norwich City winger, Dale Gordon, being carried off on a stretcher, then Dennis will only be a spectator at Anfield.

Five months without an away win ended for Oxford United with David Leworthy's third-minute goal at Upton Park — a poor preparation by West Ham for tonight's delayed FA Cup fourth round tie at home to Sheffield United. Oxford immediately celebrated by buying the Queen's Park Rangers goalkeeper, Peter Hucker, for £100,000.

Alan Smith's fourteenth goal of the season launched Leicester City to three crucial points against Wimbledon. The all-rounder, Paul Ramsey, scored their other two goals and a further blow for Wimbledon was the sending-off of Andy Thorn, which puts him out of the FA Cup fifth round at home to Everton in two weeks.

Martin Keown's second own-goal of the season gave QPR victory at Villa Park. One win in 13 League games leaves Aston Villa perilously placed.

In the second division, Stoke City's 3-1 win at home to Crystal Palace completed their rise of 18 places from bottom to fourth since November.

Oldham stay third but their hopes of the first division are diminishing by the week. Their third successive defeat came by the only goal at Hull.

The accumulative fixed odds against the second division's bottom six clubs all winning on Saturday exceeded 100-1, but the improbable happened. Sunderland's 3-0 victory at the Goldstone Ground increased the pressure on Brighton. They dropped three more places to 19th. The supporters called for the resignation of the chairman, Brian Bedson.

Bridle puts rein on the cup holders

By George Chesterton

Old Malvernians 1
Old Brentwood 0

Old Brentwood, the holders of the Arthur Dunn Cup, went down in the replayed match at Malvern on Saturday. The home side were quickly on the attack: within three minutes Harris leapt high to head just over the bar and Denham with a good chance shot wide.

After an hour's play Bridle, playing in his 68th Arthur Dunn match, came on. Ten minutes from the end he pulled back a neat little pass from the goal line and Ferguson ran the ball into the goal.

OLD MALVERNIANS: S Hemsworth; M Saunders, M Holiday, S Crefield, P Clare-Hunt, S Smith (Sub. J Bridle), S Harris, D Ferguson, E Gabert, I Denham, C Collings.
OLD BRENTWOOD: A Pears; C Loagden, A Herbert, R Woolridge, J Hartley, R Dixon, S Doran, D Simpson, P Smaje. (Sub: P Preston).
Referee: M Boulton (Worcester).

● In a replayed first round match the Old Cholmeleians were at home to Lancing Old Boys and prevailed 3-2. Cholmeleians scored the decider 15 minutes from time.

Champions again

Linfield won the Irish league title for the sixth successive season with a 6-0 victory over Distillery at Windsor Park, Belfast on yesterday. George O'Boyle scored three goals and the others came from Gary McCullough, Martin McGaughey and David Jeffrey. This was the 39th time Linfield have taken the title and they also qualify for European football for the 15th season — a British record.

POOLS CHECK

SWIMMING

Moorhouse shatters the one-minute breaststroke barrier

From Roy Moor, Bonn

Britain's Adrian Moorhouse *yesterday shattered one* of the great barriers of world sport: the one minute mark for 100 metres breaststroke.

In winning the final at the Arena International short course meeting, he shattered *the* world *best time* with 59.75sec. No swimmer had ever swum under the minute for the event, and distinguished international delegates were *comparing the* feat with that of Roger Bannister's first sub-4min mile on the track.

However, Moorhouse's remarkable world-best achievement will never be ratified as an official world record, because it was over the short-course 25m pool rather than *the Olympic 50m length, and* gives competitors the benefit of three push-offs rather than one.

His victory was so decisive *that his great rival, Victor* Davis, of Canada, had difficulty in believing he had been so completely eclipsed. Davis took the silver with 60.50 and *Rolf Beab, of* West *Germany*, who held the previous world record at 60.30, the bronze in 60.90.

The triumph over Davis *was all the sweeter for the* British champion because it was the Canadian who was awarded the world title for the distance in Madrid last summer when Moorhouse experienced a disputed technical disqualification.

Moorhouse, aged 22, from Leeds said last night: "I have never had doubts since that Madrid disappointment that I *am the world's best breast*stroke swimmer over 100m, and I am truly delighted to have proved it, particularly to Davis.

"As my training and racing had been going well in recent *months I thought I had a* chance of going through the minute barrier, and it is most satisfying to have done so by this margin."

A *fine start helped Moor*house to edge ahead after a dozen strokes, and he turned marginally in front of Davis in 28.24sec at the half-way, *which brought an instant* gasp from the packed spectators. Desperately as Davis tried to pull back the lost water, Moorhouse steadily widened *the gap to earn the* most explosive applause of the three days of competition, when the electronic scoreboard registered his achievement.

Dejected as Davis looked when he walked off with his silver medal, he at least had the satisfaction of crossing the Atlantic with a world record 2:08.82 when winning the previous day's 200m breaststroke, in which Moorhouse did not compete. Both withdrew from the 50 metres final *to conserve their energies* for their long awaited head to head clash over the 100 metres.

Thechief Olympic coach, Paul Hickson, said of Moorhouse's swim: "It was one of the outstanding performances in the history of British swimming. I'm look*ing for him to repeat it in next* year's Olympic final in Seoul."

Kevin Boyd, the only other British competitor to win a *medal at this* world *class* festival of swimming with his third place in the 400 metres freestyle on Saturday, showed good form again yesterday *with* an English *200 metre* backstroke record of 2:03.23. But this was still not good enough to get him into the final. Only the top six quali*fiers went through and the 6ft* 7½in Tynesider was the eigth fastest.

RESULTS: Men: 4x100 medley relay: 1, West Germany 3min 37.96sec (world best); 2, United States, 3:40.81; 3, West Germany seconds 3:43.30. **400m individual medley:** 1, T Darnyi (Hun), 4min 13.50sec; 2, P Bermel (WG), 4:14.02; 3, J Szabo (Hun), 4:19.0. **800m freestyle:** 1, S Pfeiffer (WG), 7min:41.82sec; 2, R Henkel (WG), 7:43.00; 3, S Lodziewski (EG), 7:52 51. **British placing:** 6, K Boyd, 7:54.39. **Women: 400m individual medley:** 1, N Lung (Rom), 4min:32.86; 2, B Lohberg (WG), 4:48.24; 3, J Clatworthy (Aus), 4:49.15. **800m freestyle:** 1, A Strauss (EG), 8min 15.34sec (world best); 2, S Pura (Rom), *8:24.08*; 3, D Babashoff (US), 8:21.51

HANG GLIDING

Duncan lands Masters win

On a perfect flying day Ricky Duncan, of *Australia*, won the World Masters championships in Mount Buffalo, Victoria. Duncan, who has found major titles elusive in the past consolidated his claims as a major contender for the world championships here in 1988.

Britain's Jes Flynn took *second place overall with Randy* Haney, of Canada, third.

Top ten finishers: 1, R Duncan (Aust) 6424 pts; 2, J Flynn (GB) 6218; 3, R Haney (Can) 6168; 4, J Lee (US) 6164; 5, S Moyes (Aust) 6142; 6, J Pendry (GB) 5775; 7, D Ziege (WG) 5625; 8, L Hull (GB) 5491; 9, R Duncan (Aust) 5471; 10, D Scott (US) 5357.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Bitter French are easy prey

From a Correspondent
Carcassonne

France 10
Great Britain 20

Four hours before this match, the French team was threatening to refuse to play, as a gesture of support for their coach, Tas Batieri, who had been sacked in a massive blood-letting on Saturday that also saw the removal from office of the president, Jacques Soppelsa. Batieri persuaded the team to turn out, and even to recover some of the fire and dedication that has been missing since two heavy defeats by the Australians.

The scoring had opened in the third minute with a try for Beardmore, creating a gap in the defence with an almost imperceptible hesitation. Lydon had the simplest of goals, and at *6-0 Britain should have had the* best of bases for complete control. Instead, they conceded a penalty on the first French visit to their 25, and from there until the interval France provided the excitement, scoring the only further try through a splendid mid-field move on 30 minutes, involving Berteloitte, Perez and scorer Espugna. The *try levelled the score and Perez's* kick gave France the lead for the first time. Five minutes later the scores were level again after a penalty from Lydon, but with the last kick of the half Perez *regained the lead for France*.

A substantial element of foul play came marred the second *half and Australian referee Mick* Stone had to send off one player, and sinbin two more. In between the flows of punches, Britain scored two more tries, through Gill and Hanley, and Lydon added two goals.

The victory at least gave the 200 or so British supporters, mostly Wiganers, something to shout about, but the British *management could hardly have* been pleased with the manner of the win.

Warrington sample sweet revenge

Only a week after being knocked out of the Challenge Cup by **Bradford Northern**, the championship leaders **Warrington** won a measure of revenge with a convincing 31-10 victory in yesterday's first division game.

Widnes had to struggle to beat off a spirited challenge by the greatly- improved and rather unlucky **Salford**. Widnes won 13-12, but were fully stretched by a team whose performance deserved better.

St Helens maintained second place with a comfortable 30 point victory against poor **Wakefield Trinity**, who have *still to register their first win in* the senior division. **Halifax** also consolidated their top four pos*ition with an equally comfort*able 34-8 win over **Featherstone Rovers**.

Hull soundly beat **Barrow**, and **Leeds** recorded a hard-fought 14-12 victory over the slipping Challenge Cup winners of last May **Castleford**, while **Leigh** managed a 12-8 victory over **Hull Kingston Rovers**.

In the second division **Hunslet** retained top position by beating **Keighley** 24-6, but **Swinton**, in second place were given a tremendous fright by **Carlisle**, before scraping home 23-20 and **Doncaster** beat **Runcorn Highfield** 32-12. In a Silk Cut Challenge Cup first round game **Whitehaven** thrashed **Huddersfield** 32-10.

TENNIS

Pause for thought: From left: David Lloyd, Bale, Whichello, John Lloyd discuss tactics (Photograph: Tommy Hindley)

Nice idea, shame about cheerleaders

Simon Barnes

So this was the weekend when Heston showed us just how glamorous and outrageous it could be. So this was all the rara and razzmatazz that the town that gave us Heston Services on the M4 could give us in the name of tennis. So this was how the game was to go bucketing into the 1990s with all the reckless*ness it could muster*.

And it did so with the glitzyest, winningest, finger-clickingest sponsor you could imagine. Yes, this was the weekend when the Mortgage Corporation National League sent British tennis into a new era. You could *tell it* was an outrageous event because there were cheer-leaders: the most embarrassing *sight in* British sport. OK, folks, let's curl up our toes and blush for the London Central Bobcats!

The Bobcats strutted their *stuff, to the kind of stony silence* and fixed expressions that we Brits give to someone smoking in a non-smoking compartment. Every time anyone wants to show us that a new sporting event is particularly groovy, he brings on some desperately embarrassing cheer-leaders. One does so wish he wouldn't. Particularly not in Heston.

The message was that the new league was changing the face of tennis as we know it. So let us have some razzmatazz. *Or to put* it another way, loud and unpleasant pop music between sets and the London Central Bobcats. It is the old British thing: if a thing is worth doing, chaps, let's get in there and do it half-cocked.

But actually, and once the infinitely forgettable cheer-leaders had been forgotten, this is all a rather good idea. The format is a good one: team tennis, all the rage in the States a good few years back, has been re-invented for Britain. It really does not need its phony American accent, which it has adopted as if it were a 1950s disc jockey.

Each fixture is between two teams of four, all men. Perhaps that is a slight disappointment. You are allowed one man from the British top ten, and one overseas player. Heston Fiat, playing at home at the David Lloyd Racquet Club, lined up with Peter Fleming (famous for playing doubles with John McEnroe). *John Lloyd* (unquestionably famous for mixed doubles), Stuart Bale and Nick Brown. Middlesbrough Tennis World opposed them with Heinz Gunthardt of Switzerland, Colin Dowdeswell, Mark *Blincow* and Simon Ickringill. The names give a fair indication of the quality of the tennis.

Each match in the league comprises five sets, each contested by different players. First the No. 3 ranked players play a set, *worth two points* to the winning team, then the second men play a set worth three points, *and then* the fourth men for two points. Seven points then, are at stake thus far, which meant that even after Heston had taken the first three sets, the match was still alive, because the No. 1s then play for four points and then there is a doubles match for three points. If it is all level at 7-7, they play a singles tie-break.

Got it? It is actually a pretty good format. Especially as the change-ends time is shortened and the chairs taken away. *One* of the most ludicrous sights in sport is two sharp and fit young athletes playing a single game of tennis and then sitting down for a nice long rest. During the lightning end changes, the team *captains pass* on brilliant tactical advice, team colleagues on the bench tell them to go for it, *mate, get stuck in, and* if you have an American like Fleming on your side, he might even give *a little whoop and exchange Hi* Fives as you pass. Even if he does look a little embarrassed doing it: he is living in Fulham and seems to be going native.

He won his singles 6-1, the doubles also went rapidly to Heston, and that was that. People said we should have been watching the Birmingham Stormseal Troopers (truly), *whose match* against Manchester Matchpoint went to a tie-break in the doubles, which Manchester won after saving three match points. Good stuff.

Of course, the whole thing would be better if we *had* McEnroe and Becker and several million pounds to buy them with. But with £500,000 over three years going into the league, this is a serious effort to put on some decent tennis over the winter.

The whole thing is, in fact, worth a cheer. However, the cheer really does not have to be delivered by the London Central Bobcats.

League in need of a sense of drama

By Richard Evans

A very early view of the new *Mortgage Corporation Tennis* League suggests that the concept works and that the public enjoy it. The only potential problem seems to centre on the strength of David Lloyd's Heston team whose stars may ride roughshod over John Feaver's carefully balanced points system.

On Saturday night, in front of an initially reserved crowd of *about 500, Peter Fleming, John* Lloyd, Stuart Bale and the hero of the night, Nick Brown crushed *Middlesbrough 14-0* and were never threatened in any of their five matches.

At Woking and Aston Villa, however, the sheer excitement of close contests ensured the success of an innovation that should do the beleagured state *of British tennis no harm at all.*

Woking GTI's seemed to be cruising to a comfortable win over the Bournemouth Aces when Michael Appleton (2 points), Steve Shaw (3 points) and Jeremy Dier (2 points) all won their singles to give their home team a 7-0 lead.

Then the American, Andy Kohlberg collected four points by winning the number one singles match against another US import, Steve Denton, 6-4 in *the one set format. That hauled* the overall score back to 7-4.

Kohlberg and Stephen Botfield then combined to defeat Denton and Shaw 6-1 to level the points at 7-7. Denton redeemed himself in front of his new home fans by beating *Kohlberg 7-2 to* give Woking the match.

At Croydon the 9-6 margin *was in favour of the visiting* Telford team but at Aston Villa there was, in league parlance, another thriller when Mark Cox and Nduka Odizor had to beat Freddie Sauer and David Felgate in the deciding doubles if a 1,000 crowd was to be given a home win over Manchester. But, despite three match points in the tiebreak, Cox and Odizor went down by *7-9 leaving* Manchester the winners by 10-5.

McEnroe silenced after outburst

From Barry Wood, Philadelphia

John McEnroe was on his worst *behaviour* once *again* as he defeated Amos Mansdorf 5-7, 6-2, 6-3 to reach the final of the Ebel US Pro indoor tournament in Philadelphia on Saturday night.

He received first a warning for ball abuse and then lost a point *after hurling* a tirade of obscenities at his startled opponent for which a fine of $1,000 was *levied. But at the end of the day* he was left speechless when he received a demand for a staggering $1.8 million from the American tax authorities. McEnroe Snr had to do that talking. "We are not happy with the demand that has been made and have lodged a protest. We certainly do not expect to have to pay anything like that *amount," he said*

McEnroe was sullen throughout the match and obviously upset at his inability to break down Mansdorf's game. Until the 18th game he showed little sparkle or trace of the skills demonstrated earlier in the week. *But then he* won *his first* break and that appeared to snap the tension within himself and his game progressively improved.

"It was just one of those days when I *didn't* feel *my* best. I was flat at the start and couldn't get going. My concentration was sub-par and *I didn't have the* movement I would have liked," he said.

Tim Mayotte, whom he meets in the final, almost felt he did not have an opponent as he won 6-2, 6-2 over Milan Srejber. That match was an insult to the *spectators* as the 6ft 8in Czech made almost no effort to provide any real competition and was *quite rightly* booed off court.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND: T Mayotte (US) bt M Srejber (Cz) 6-2, 6-2; J McEnroe (US) bt A Mansdorf (Isr) 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.

Busy Wade

Kirsty Wade, the double Commonwealth Games gold medal winner, has agreed to take *part in two races in America* later this month — the Los Angeles Times meeting at Inglewood on February 20 and a Santiago meeting two days later.

Birmingham prize

John Richardson, a Birmingham City Council engineer, has won the annual motor sport trophy of the British Racing and Sports Car Club for setting out a race circuit through the streets of Birmingham for last year's inaugural *Super Prix. His work* included knocking a hole in the wall of the city's wholesale market to provide a run-off area.

SKIING

Beck is Britain's best for 15 years

From David Miller
Chief Sports Correspondent
Crans Montana

The final two days of the world *alpine championships* saw Erika Hess, of Switzerland, come from one and a half seconds behind to win the women's slalom; Frank Worndl, of *West Germany arrive from* the discotheque to capture the men's slalom; and Lesley Beck, of Dumbarton, come from obscurity to achieve the best British women's performance for 15 years.

Yesterday's climax to the *fortnight, the men's slalom*, was completed in near silence. The world of sport is notable for its *emotional prejudices* of home supporters, whether it is the Americans at the Los Angeles Games, the Indians or West Indians at cricket, or the Argentinians at football. There is nothing, however, quite like the stony silence on a mountain-*side* when the Swiss get thumped at skiing: which is not often.

The lack of sportsmanship of the crowd at Crans has been conspicuous, with their cheering every time an Austrian falls. When Mader of Austria, eighth man-down on the second run yesterday in reverse order of the first 15 of the first run, took the lead, you could have heard a goat sneeze. When Worndl, 14th down, was 0.2sec faster overall *than Mader, the public* feigned supreme indifference.

Armin Bittner, Worndl's compatriot who had led the first run, was next down but 0.4sec slower and could take only the bronze. Giradelli, with silver medals in the super-G and giant slalom, was fourth, and the veterans Stenmark and Krizaj fifth and sixth respectively.

For *the* first race in the championships the Swiss had no medal, Gaspoz and Deleze finishing equal seventh. Zurbriggen fell on the second run: an occurrence receiving only marginally more attention in the press centre than the disqualification of the expert from *The Guardian* before reaching even the first gate of the media's giant *slalom*.

Worndl, who is 27, likes the good life. An outstanding skiier as a teenager, he first competed without success in the world championships in 1978; then came tenth in the Olympic Games in 1980. Thereafter he *specialized in the combined* event: the slopes by day and the dance floor by night. He was not selected for *the world* championships of 1982 or 1985, dropped to the national Bsquad, was ranked prior to yesterday at 42 in the slalom, and had a first run starting number of 19.

Miss Hess had some of the luck on Saturday which goes with most slalom races. Miss Oertli and Miss Schneider, her compatriots, and Miss McKinney, of the *United States*, went out on the first run, and Miss Meierhofer, of Austria, lying second, on the second run. Miss Hess, who plans to retire next year and risked all, she said, on her second run, gained her most important result since *three gold medals at Schladming* in 1982.

Yet nothing in these championships, relatively speaking, was as unexpected or rewarding as 22-year-old Miss Beck's tenth place behind Miss Hess, on a steep and difficult course which saw *more* than 30 racers abandon over the two runs. Tiny Miss Beck, with a ranking of 108 and a *starting position of* 42, had telephoned her mother the night before to say: "Television may not show me on the first run, but keep watching and you'll see me on the second!"

Her performance, the best since Davina Galica came sev*enth in the 1972 Olympic* Games giant slalom, was valuable in several ways. It proved there is more to the British team to be taken seriously than Martin Bell.

She started skiing at the age of eight on a plastic course near the *family home, the youngest of* four children, who were all good skiers. She missed autumn *training* this year through injuring her knees doing downhill running during summer fitness training. (Something which any athletics coach would tell her to avoid.)

There was a danger that she might have been dropped from the British squad at the end of this year. "People were saying that I always blew it on the big *day, that I fell too often*," she says. "But it didn't alter my attitude, which is always to have a go. *It* has helped me this season to be on the main international circuit and to have been accepted by the foreign racers." On Saturday, her moment arrived.

As the champagne flowed back at the team's hotel afterwards, Konrad Bartelski paid her a significant compliment: "It was remarkable that, having achieved the eighth fastest time on the first run from as far back as 42nd, she had the mental coolness *to repeat the performance* when suddenly finding herself in the front line."

WOMEN'S SLALOM: 1, E Hess (Switz), 1min 33.30sec; 2, R Steiner (Austria), 1:33.55; 3, M Svet (Yug), 1:34.39; 4, K Buder (Austria), 1:34.68; 5, B F Ochoa (Sp), 1:35.05; 6, M Mogore (Fr), 1:35.19; 7, H Lazak (WG), 1:35.27; 8, D Mogore (Fr), 1:35.41; 9, E Twardokens (US), 1:35.59; 10, L Beck (GB), 1:35.90; 11, L Medzihradska (Cz), 1:37.13; 12, L Kebrlova (Cz), 1:37.19; 13, C Guignard (Fr), 1:38.25; 14, A Leskovsek (Yug), 1:39.31; 15, J Kindle (Liech), 1:39.73.

MEN'S SLALOM: 1, F Woerndl (WG), 1:54.63; 2, G Mader (Austria), 1:54.82; 3, A Bittner (WG), 1:55.03; 4, M Girardelli (Lux), 1:55.11; 5, I Stenmark (Swe), 1:55.60; 6, R Krizaj (Yug), 1:55.69; equal 7, J-D Deleze (Fr) and J Gaspoz (Switz), 1:55.78; 9, P Frommelt (Liech), 1:56.13; 10, F McGrath (US), 1:56.29; 11, O Totsch (It), 1:56.41; 12, I Edalini (It), 1:56.52; 13, D Bouvet (Fr), 1:56.54; 14, G Benedik (Yug), 1:56.57; 15, R Petrovic (Yug), 1:57.71.

Medals table

	G	S	B	Total
Switzerland	8	4	2	14
West Germany	1	0	3	4
Austria	0	3	1	4
Luxembourg	1	2	0	3
Yugoslavia	0	1	2	3
Italy	0	0	1	1
United States	0	0	1	1

SPORT IN BRIEF

Lloyd calls an end to his innings

After 18 seasons with Lancashire, Clive Lloyd is retiring from first-class cricket, the club announced yesterday. Lloyd, aged 43 and captain of the West Indies, will be making way for his compatriot, Patrick Patterson, to assume his overseas place.

● New Zealand are to make a five-week tour of Sri Lanka from April 9, playing three Tests and four one-day internationals, and delaying Martin Crowe's arrival at Somerset.

Hockey dates

The home countries quadrangular men's hockey tournament will go ahead in Dublin on July 18 and 19, the Irish Hockey Union confirmed yesterday.

Budd concern

Zola Budd said yesterday that she would travel to West Germany for assessment of leg and hip injuries which might jeopardize her athletics career.

Hickox wins

Jamie Hickox, of Britain, beat Rodney Martin, of Australia, 8-9, 9-7, 9-6, 10-9 in the semi-finals of the Aneby Swedish Open squash rackets championships in Stockholm yesterday. Hickox will face Jahangir Khan, who advanced to the final by *beating Gawain Briars, of Eng*land, 9-1, 9-0, 9-2. In the women's final, Susan Devoy, of New Zealand, defeated *Lisa* Opie, the British champion.

Laing falters

Antibes, France (Reuter) — Thomas Nkalankete, a Zaire-born Frenchman, won the vacant *European light-welter*weight boxing title when Tony Laing, of Britain, stopped boxing in the ninth round on Friday night.

Ferguson post

Bill Ferguson, aged 59, a former sprinter and assistant England team manager, is the new chairman of the Amateur Athletic Association.

FOR THE RECORD

CYCLING

CABRA, Spain: Tour of Andalusia: Fourth stage (187km): 1, P Jules (Fr), 5hr 11min 33sec; 2, A Chizabas (Col), 5:11 35; 3, R Pagnin (It), 4, N Dejonckheere (Bel); 5, S Joho (Switz), 6, S Martinello (It), all same time. **Fifth stage** (136km): 1, A Kappes (WG), 3hr 29min 35sec; 2, R Golz (WG), same time; 3, J B Villar (Sp), 3:29.39; 4, M Iglesias (Sp), 5, S Joho (Switz); 6, R Piccolo (It). **Overall positions:** 1, R Golz (WG), 22 hhr 22min 34sec; 2, J B Villar (Sp), 22:22.36; 3, J Gorospe (Sp), 22:22.44; 4, M Ducrot *(Neth)*, 22:22.47; 5, *M Argentin (It)*, 22:22.49; 6, G Veldscholten (Neth), 22:22.50.

NORDIC SKIING

ASIAGO, Italy: Junior World Championship: Cross-Country: Men's 3x10km relay: 1, Soviet Union (Kirilov, Nagombayev, Karacevsky), *1hr 14min 13.09sec*; 2, Sweden (Bergstrom, Danielsson, Forsberg), 1:14.26.03; 3, Italy (Sartor, Del Fabbro, Fauner), 1.14:26 09; 4, Norway (Moabakken, Smevold, Skaanes), 1:14.31.09; 5, West Germany, 1.15:41.09; 6, Switzerland, 1.16:21 09. **Women's 3x5km relay:** 1, Soviet Union (Vassilyeva, Bondareva, Trubizina), *41min 6.09sec*; 2, *East Germany* (Greiner, Braun, Wezel), 41:43.04; 3, Finland (Tamminen, Falminen, Pirvonen), 42.08.08; 4, Italy, 42:59 07; 5, Czechoslovakia, 43:12.05; 6, Norway, 43:12.06.

SNOOKER

IPSWICH: Tolly Ales English championship: Fourth round: J Johnson bt S James 6-3; D Reynolds bt J White 6-5.

TENNIS

LYON: Grand Prix tournament: Quarter-finals: Y Noah (Fr) bt B Willenborg (US), 6-2, 6-3; J Nystrom (Swe) bt J Potier (Fr), 6-3, 6-4; K Jones (US) bt G Forget (Fr), 5-7, 6-4, 7-6; T Nelson (US) bt B Cox (US), 7-6, 6-2. **Semi-finals:** Noah bt Jones, 1-6, 6-1, 6-1; Nystrom bt Nelson, 7-6, 4-6, 7-5. **Final:** Noah bt Nystrom 6-4, 7-5.

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia: Women's under-21 tournament: Quarter-finals: S Rehe (US) bt R Reggi (It), 6-1, 6-1; M Maleeva (Bul) bt S Sloane (US) 6-2, 6-2; A Temesvari (Hun) bt C Bassett (Can), 7-6, 7-6; G Sabatini (Arg) bt K Maleeva (Bul), 6-4, 6-3. **Semi-finals:** Sabatini bt Temesvari, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1; Maleeva bt Rehe, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3.

WICHITA: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: L Savchenko (USSR) bt W White (US), 5-7, 6-1, 6-4; B Potter (US) bt E Derly (Fr), 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.

MORTGAGE CORPORATION LEAGUE: Group A: Birmingham 2, Manchester 3; Heston 5, Middlesbrough 0. **Group B:** Telford 3, Croydon 2; Woking 3, Bournemouth 2.

SQUASH RACKETS

STOCKHOLM: Swedish Open: Men: First round: F Jonsson (Swe) bt K Smith (Aus), 9-6, 5-9, 9-1, 10-8; G Briars (GB) bt *P Whitlock* (GB), 9-6, 5-9, 9-5, 9-4; J Hickox (GB) bt Hiddy Jahan (GB), 9-7, 2-9, 9-5, 9-1; D Meddings (GB) bt R Thorne (Aus), 9-5, 6-9, 9-0, 9-2; S *Davenport (NZ) bt Massod Hamed (Pak)*, 9-5, 9-0, 9-1; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt R Eyles (Aus), 9-0, 9-0, 9-1; J-U Soderberg (Swe) bt G Brumby (Aus), 4-9, 9-6, 9-3, 9-2; R Martin (Aus) bt *P Kenyon* (GB), 10-8, 9-6, 5-9, 9-6. **Quarter-finals:** Jahangir bt Jonsson, 9-6; Briars bt Soderberg, 9-3, 9-0, 9-1; Hickox bt Meddings, 9-2, 9-0, 9-5; Martin bt Davenport, 7-9, 9-5, 9-2, 3-9, 9-4. **Women: Quarter-finals:** S Devoy (NZ) bt B Hoogendoorn (Neth), 10-8, 9-2, 9-7; M Le Moignan (GB) bt C Kennewell *(Aus)*, 9-5, 9-3, 6-9, 9-2; S Fitzgerald *(Aus)* bt S Brady (Aus), 9-4, 5-9, 10-8, 9-1; L Opie (GB) bt T Myllmeni (Fin), 9-1, 9-4, 9-0. **Semi-finals:** Devoy bt Fitzgerald, 9-5, 10-8, 9-4. Opie bt M *Le Moignan (GB)*, 9-4, 9-6 9-6

FIGURE SKATING

TACOMA, Washington: United States national championships: Women: 1, J Trenary; 2, D Thomas; 3, C Kadavi; 4, T Chin.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National Hockey League (NHL): Detroit Red Wings 6, Minnesota North Stars 4; Hartford Whalers 5, Washington Capitals 2; Winnipeg Jets 6, Los Angeles Kings 1; Edmonton Oilers 3, New York Islanders 3; St Louis Blues 2, Vancouver Canucks 2.

BADMINTON

NIEUWEGEIN, Netherlands: Dutch Open: *Men's singles:* Second round: T Farooq (Austria) bt T Nuyten (Neth), 15-7, 15-6; U Johansson (Swe) bt A Nielsen (GB), 15-3, 15-7; Liu Jun (China) bt M de Boer (Neth), 15-3, 15-7; M Smith (GB) bt A Dwi Santoso (Indo), 17-15, 15-2; D Hall (GB) bt P Skole (Swe), 15-0, 15-7; L Coene (Neth) bt A Gallagher (GB), 15-12, 18-14; K Fischer (WG) bt P Roberts (Austria), 15-10, 15-5; J de Mulder (Bel) bt G Lang (Aus), 15-5, 15-6; M Adams (GB) bt I Rusli (Indo), 15-3, 15-11; P Pelupessy (Neth) bt M Redeker (Neth), 15-0 15-7; U Santosa *(Neth)* bt H Fischer (WG), *15-2*, 15-0; I Frederiksson (Swe), bt T Althaus (Switz), 15-2, 15-3, J Hergaard (Swe) bt J Gerritse (Neth), 15-9, 15-4; Vimal Kumar (India) bt Seno The (Indo), 15-1, 15-3; Wang Ke (China) bt S Oesterberg (Swe), 15-7, 15-8, P-E Hoyer (Den) bt R Rausch (WG), 15-0, 15-4. **Third round:** Johansson bt Farooq, 15-1, 15-7; Smith bt Jun, 15-11, 15-2; Hall bt Coene, 15-3, 15-6; Fischer bt de Mulder, 15-9, 15-12; Pelupessy bt Adams, 15-6, 15-3; Frederiksson bt Santosa, 15-7, 15-9; Hoyer bt Ke, 11-15, 15-3, 15-9. **Quarter-finals:** Johansson bt Smith 18-13, 8-2 (Smith retired); Hall bt Fischer 15-6, 15-6; Frederiksson bt Pelupessy 9-15, 15-13, 15-5; Hoyer bt Hergaard, 15-5, 15-10. **Semi-finals:** *Hall bt Johansson* 15-12, 15-9, Hoyer bt Frederiksson, 2-15, 15-7 18-13. **Final:** Hoyer bt Hall, 15-4, 15-1. **Women's singles: First round:** A Krucinska (WG) bt Feb Oxia *(China)*, 7-11, 11-4, 11-7; *M Henning (Swe)* bt A Gibson (GB), 11-6, 12-9; D Kjaer (Den) bt A van der Knaap (Neth), 11-6, 9-12, 11-7; R Kator (Aus) bt S Medink (Neth), 11-2, 9-11, 11-5; *C Hattens (Den) bt C Palmer (GB)*, 12-9; 11-1; Sarwendha (Indo) bt S Louis (GB), 11-7, 11-4; M Hoogland (Neth) bt E van Elven (Neth), 11-6, 11-5, A Fisher (GB) bt C Heatley (GB), 11-2, *11-0; G Clark (GB) bt Sulistyaningsih (Indo)*, 10-12, 12-9, 12-10; P Kloet (Neth) bt C Donelly (GB), 11-5, 11-1; Tu Yalan (China) bt J Balcarova (Cz), 11-1, 11-2; E Coene (Neth) bt *D Oer (Neth)*, *11-0; 11-2*; *N Baldwin (WG)* bt G Martin (GB), 1-11, 11-7, 11-5, S Halsall (GB) bt Yang Ying (China), 11-8, 12-10; C Magnusson (Swe) bt K Schmieder (WG), 11-4, 11-3, C Gay *(GB) bt C Skopke (WG)*, 12-10, 11-12, 11-4. **Second round:** Henning bt Krucinska, 11-5, 7-11, 11-1, Kjaer bt Kator, 11-6, 11-1; Sarwenda bt Hattens, 5-11, 11-6, 11-5; Hoogland bt *Fischer, 12-9, 12-9; Clark bt Kloet, 11-12*, 11-6, 11-8, Coene bt Yalan, 11-7, 11-1; Halsall bt Baltwein, 11-0, 11-1, Magnusson bt Gay, 11-0, 10-12, 11-2. **Quarter-finals:** Coene bt Clark 11-7, *11-2*; *Sarwendah* bt Hoogland 11-7, 5-11, 11-2; Halsall bt Magnusson, 11-7, 10-12, 12-11; Kjaer bt M Henning (Swe), 11-8, 11-8. **Semi-finals:** Coene bt Halsall, 11-8, 11-5; *Sarwendah bt Kjaer*, 8-11, 11-8, 11-1. **Final:** Sarwendah bt Coene, 11.12-11. **Men's doubles final:** M Christiansen (Den) and S Karlsson (Swe) bt B Subiago and S Pamungkas (Indo), 15-8, 15-2. **Women's doubles final:** C Magnusson and M Bengtsson (Swe) bt G Clark and S Halsall (GB), 15-10, 15-5. **Mixed doubles final:** Karlsson and Bengtsson bt Christiansen and E van Dijk (Neth), 10-15, 15-2, 15-9

FOOTBALL

UEFA UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group five qualifying match: Cyprus 2, Hungary 1. **INTERNATIONAL MATCH:** Tunisia 1, *Austria* 3.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group five: Cyprus 0, Hungary 1.

BOWLS

MCCARTHY AND STONE INDOOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Quarter-finals: Cyphers 96, Victory 65; Addington 99, Victoria (Street) 58; City of Ely 93, Cotswold 68; Boston 86, Hartlepool 57

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Premier division: Blackheath 2, Surbiton 4, Bromley 3, Hounslow 1. **League:** Cambridge University 2, Beckenham 0, Cheam 0, Purley 2; Dulwich 2, Weybridge hawks 1; Guildford 7, Wimbledon 0; Hampstead 2, Reading 7; Maidenhead 0, Spencer 4; St Albans 1, Teddington 0; Slough 5, *London University* 0; *Southgate* 7, Mid Surrey 0; Tulse Hill 0, Richmond 4.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedford 2, Brentwood 1; Blueharts 1, *St Neots 0; Bury St Edmunds 1, Bishop's* Stortford 0; Chelmsford 1, Westcliff 1; Ford 1, Peterborough 2; Ipswich 1, Broxbourne 1; Norfolk Wanderers 0, Harleston Magpies 0; O Loughtonians 1, Cambridge City 2.

McEWAN'S LAGER SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Eastcote 2, Gore Court 5; East Grinstead 5, Anchorians 0; Havant 4, Bognor 2; Indian Gymkhana 6, Marlow 1; Lyons 1, O Isantonians 4; Oxford Hawks 3, Fareham 2; Trojans 1, Lewes 0; Tunbridge Wells 2, Chichester 1. **Hampshire/Surrey:** Bournemouth 1, O Mid-Whitgiftians 1; Camberley 0, Basingstoke 1; Epsom 1, Woking 2; Merton 2, Barnes 0; Nat West Bank 2, Hamble OB 1; Winchester 0, Fleet 1. **Kent/Sussex:** Folkestone Optimist 2, O Beccehamians 1, Gravesend 0, Tonbridge 0, Maidstone 0, Canterbury 4; Marden Russets 2, Thames Polytechnic 2; Middleton 1, Herne Bay 2; O Bordenians 3, Lloyds Bank 0; O Williamsonians 2, South Saxons 2. **Middlesex/Berks, Bucks and Oxon:** Bracknell 2, Harrow Town Swans 1; NPL 2, City of Oxford 1; Polytechnic 0, Sunbury 1; Tilehurst 1, Aylesbury 1

WILSON LEAGUE: First division: Chesterfield 1, Harborne 2; Khalsa 0, South Nottingham 0; Leicester Westleigh 0, Derby 1; Olton 0, Bournville 0; Redditch 0, Pickwick 1, Stone 0, Cannock 3; Streetly 1, Stourport 5.

CHELTENHAM: Barclays Bank National Schools' Championship: West round: 1, Millfield School (Somerset); 2, Cheltenham Ladies College (Gloucs); 3, Bryanston School (Dorset); 4, Hereford Sixth Form College; 5, Kingsbridge School (Devon); 6, Monkton Combe School (Avon); 7, Penwith Sixth Form College (Cornwall); 8, Corsham Comprehensive School (Wilts). **Under-16 section: Final:** Maynard School (Devon) bt Cheltenham Ladies College *on a penalty-stroke play-off*. Equal 3, St Ives School (Cornwall) and Taunton School (Somerset); 5, Badminton School (Avon); 6, Sherborne School (Dorset); 7th, *Harden Hush School (Wilts)*; 8th, *Hereford Cathedral School*.

VOLLEYBALL

ROYAL BANK SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Men's first division: Paisley 1, Kayplam 3; Krystal Klear 3, Scottish Farm 0; Kinleith Plant 0, Dundee Kirkton 3, MIM 3, Falcon Electrical 0. **Women's first division:** Larbert 0, Glasgow Bannerman 3, Whitburn 0, Scottish Farm 3; Finnies Sport 1, Provincial Insurance 3.

LACROSSE

AVON INSURANCE NORTH SENIOR FLAGS: Semi-finals: Mellor 6, Cheadle 3; Stockport 8, Heaton Mersey 5.

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: O Hulmeians 8, Ashton 7; O Stopfordians 12, Boardman and Eccles 13; O Waconians 21, Sale 9.

ATHLETICS

TOKYO: Tokyo Marathon: 1, H Taniguchi (Japan), 2hr 10min 06sec; 2, T Nakayama (Jap), 2:10.33; 3, A Mekonnen (Ethiopia), 2:11.54; 4, H Sunaga (Japan), 2:13.44; 5, I Senna (Japan), 2:14 28; 6, T Lewicki (Pol), 2:15.48; 7, S Ikeda (Japan), 2:16.18; 8, R Misiewicz (Pol), 2:18.51; 9, J Bura (Tan), 2:19.54; 10, H Takamura (Japan), 2:20.09.

NUSA DUA, Indonesia: Bali 10km invitation road race: Men: 1, M Nenow (US), 28min 37 15 sec; 2, A Barrios (Mex), 28.43.59; 3, G Shahanga (Tan), 28:49.00; 4, K Akutsu (Japan), 28:59.09; 5, J Gregorek (US), 29:08.55; 6, E Nabunome (Indo), 29:26.33. **Women:** 1, E Lynch (GB), 31:57.65; 2, I Kristiansen (Nor), 32:03.23; 3, M Cooksey (US), 33:09.02; 4, L Williams (Can), 33:48.40; 5, P Welch (GB), 34:36.84; 6, L Moller (NZ), 35:19.36.

GOLF

SARASOTA: Women's tournament: Leading third round scores (US unless stated): 207: N Lopez, 73, 66, 68. 212: K Baker, 72, 68, 72; C Morse, 68, 73, 71. 213: K Postlewait, 72, 70, 71; C Johnson, 67, 72, 74. 215: J Inkster, 75, 70, 70; H Stacy, 72, 73, 70; H Farr, 72, 72, 71; M Spencer-Devlin, 71, 73, 71; A Marie Palli (Fr), 73, 70, 72; T Green, 70, 72, 73.

CAPE TOWN: South African Open: Final scores: 278: M McNulty (SA), 74, 66, 71, 67. F Allem (SA), 67, 71, 71, 69 (McNulty won play-off). 281: W Westner (SA), 66, 67, 75, 73. **British scores:** 285: P Harrison, 72, 73, 74, 66; 287: I Young 70 69 76 72, S Bishop 70, 74, 74, 69; G Manson, 76, 70, 74, 67. 290: P Evans, 70, 74, 77, 69; I Mosey, 72, 69, 75, 74. 292: D Russell, 74, 72, 73, 73; W Humphreys, 73, 73, 74, 72. 293: C Moody, 76, 71, 74, 72; B Evans, 77, 70, 74, 72.

HONOLULU: Hawaiian Open: Leading third round scores (US unless stated): 200: C Stadler, 70, 68, 62. 201: P Azinger, 70, 66, 65. 202: F Couples, 69, 65, 68. 204: C Strange, 69, 71, 64; L Wadkins, 69, 68, 67; J Cook, 69, 71, 64. 205: B Langer (WG), 70, 64, 71; M Lyle, 72, 67, 66; S Jones, 70, 67, 68; L Mize, 69, 66, 70; M O'Grady, 66, 72, 67; R Watkins, 71, 68, 66; S Simpson, 69, 68, 68.

MELBOURNE: Australian Matchplay Championship: (Australian unless stated): **First round:** (18 holes): W Smith bt B Jones 3 and 2; P Fowler bt G Turner (NZ) 5 and 3; L Stephens bt S Ginn 3 and 2; V Somers bt J Nicklaus jnr (US) 2 and 1; B Ogle bt M Persson (Swe) 1 hole; P Senior bt J Senior, *first extra hole*; D Ecob bt A Forsbrand (Swe) 7 and 6; M Clayton bt W Riley 1 hole. **Second round:** (18 holes): G Norman bt M Clayton 4 and 3; M Harwood bt D Ecob 1 hole; O Moore bt P Senior 1 hole; *R Shearer bt B Ogle* at second extra hole; L Stephen bt I Stanley at first extra hole; D Graham bt P Fowler 2 and 1; I Baker-Finch bt W Smith at third extra hole; R Davis bt V Somers *at fifth extra hole*. **Final:** Baker-Finch bt Moore 5 and 4.

TABLE TENNIS

SCOT RAIL SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Irvine 2, Firespon 8; Team Korrugal 5, Murrayfield 5; Balhousie 0, Greaves 10.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CUP: *First round:* Huddersfield 10, Whitehaven 32.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Castleford 12, Leeds 14; Halifax 34, Featherstone 8; Hull 41, Barrow 18; Leigh 8, Hull KR 12; Wakefield 6, St Helens 30; Warrington 31, Bradford 10; Widnes 13, Salford 12. **Second division:** Batley 6, Mansfield 15; Blackpool 48, Fulham 28; Bramley 18, Dewsbury 3; Doncaster 32, Runcorn 12; Hunslet 24, Keighley 6; Rochdale 12, York 8; Swinton 23, Carlisle 20; Workington 14, Sheffield 34.

SNOW REPORTS

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: upper runs, runs complete, hard packed snow with icy patches; *middle runs, runs complete but narrow*, hard packed snow with icy patches; lower slopes, snow cover patchy, hard packed snow; vertical runs, 1600ft; hill roads, clear; main roads, clear; snow level, 2400ft. **Glencoe** (Friday to Monday only): insufficient snow for skiing. **Glenshee:** upper runs, only four runs complete, hard packed snow on a hard base; middle runs, only four runs complete, hard packed snow on a hard base; lower slopes, limited areas of hard packed snow, no nursery areas at all. **Lecht:** upper runs, no snow or very little snow; middle runs, some runs complete, wet snow; lower slopes, snow cover patchy, wet snow; vertical runs, 700ft; *hill roads, clear; main roads, clear*; snow level, 2000ft. **Forecast for today:** mainly cloudy; outbreaks of rain spreading from south; snow at higher levels, wind moderate or fresh, south to south-westerly; freezing level, 3500ft. **Outlook for tomorrow:** becoming brighter and colder with occasional showers, falling as snow at most levels.

● *Information supplied by the Scottish Meteorological Office.*

ATHLETICS

British youngsters whet the appetite with wins

From Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent, Budapest

There was much to savour in the match here at the Budapest *Sports Palace* this weekend, and it was all British, the most notable Hungarian performance being the goulash *in the canteen*.

This fine hall has a broad 200-metre track which will be used for the European championships next year and for the world championships in 1988. It makes Britain's sole full-scale indoor utility at RAF Cosford look sick. But as one Hungarian colleague wryly remarked: "We would rather have your good athletes than our good facilities." The two went well together as Colin Jackson and *John Regis set United Kingdom* indoor records. And there were half a dozen other personal bests for Britons on this fast surface.

Despite losing the AAA title to Jon Ridgeon, Jackson regained the initiative with two wins. The young Welshman took 0.05sec off his own national record with 7.55sec on Saturday and he ran 7.57sec yesterday, with Ridgeon finishing second on both occasions in 7.61sec.

Regis has been quietly improving in the shadow of Ade Mafe and Linford Christie in the last two years. But he broke Mafe's national record by 0.11sec with 20.85sec in winning the 200 metres. *That is* faster than Christie has done.

Other youngsters, Lesley Ann Skeete, who won the women's hurdles, just outside Shirley Strong's national record, and Dalton Grant, who won the high jump with a personal best, and Myrtle Augee, who performed the unlikely feat of winning a field event, the shot, in Eastern Europe, have come through as members of the very successful junior squad.

RESULTS: Men: 60-metres hurdles: C Jackson (GB), 7.55 seconds (British record). **60m:** E Obeng (GB), 6.62. **200 metres:** J Regis (GB), 20.85 (British record). **400:** S Heard (GB), 46.83. **800:** A Morell (GB), 1min 48.08sec. **3,000:** M Rowland (GB), 7:50.63. **4x400m relay:** (GB), 3:09.07. **Triple jump:** F Abejide, 15.67m. **Shot put:** L Szabo (Hungary), 18.28m. **High jump:** D Grant (GB), 2.24m. **Women: 60m hurdles:** L Skeete (GB), 8.13sec. **60m:** P Dunn (GB), 7.38sec. **200:** C Smart (GB), 24.27sec. **1,500:** Y Murray (GB), 4:11.21. **Long jump:** M Berkeley (GB), 6.36m. **400m:** J Forgacs (Hun), 52.29. **800m:** J Prictoe (GB), 2min 02.79sec. **3,000m:** Z Agoston (Hun), 9:22.82. **Shot put:** M Augee (GB), 17.94.

BOWLS

Duff puts out Bellis

By Gordon Allen

Hugh Duff, aged 23, of Auchinleck, Ayrshire, beat Peter *Bellis, of New Zealand, the* world outdoor champion, 7-1, 7-0, in the first round of the Embassy world indoor championship at Coatbridge yesterday.

Bellis was a beaten semi-finalist last February, Duff has been *a Scottish international for* the past two years. Bellis played well despite the score, but Duff found himself on the crest of a wave and stayed there.

Ian Bruce beat Phil Skoglund, last year's runner up, 7-0, 7-5, the New Zealander losing a full count of four shots in the first set, and coming within an ace of being white-washed in the second. Tony Allcock, the holder, was taken to three arduous sets by Sam Wylie, of Belfast. Allcock won 7-6, 6-7, 7-4 after 2hr45min of play.

In the second round tomorrow, when the best of five sets system comes into operation, Allcock meets Angus Blair, the Scottish outdoor champion, and Bruce plays Cecil Bransky, the player who was runner up at Coatbridge in 1985.

RESULTS: First round, Saturday: A Allcock (Eng) beat S Wylie (Ire), 7-6, 6-7, 7-4; A *Blair (Sco) bt J Price* (Wales), 7-6, 3-7, 7-4; R Parrella (Aus) bt M Dunlop (Ire), 7-1, 2-7, 7-4; W Wood (Sco) bt A Wallace (Can), 7-5, 2-7, 7-2; I Bruce (Sco), bt P Skoglund (NZ) 7-0, 7-5; C Bransky (Isr) bt L Shoobridge (Eng), 7-4, 7-8. **Yesterday:** S Rees (Wales) bt D Denison (Eng), 7-6, 7-0; D Corkill (Ire) bt M Nicolle (Guernsey), 7-1, 7-4; H Duff (Sco) bt P Bellis (NZ), 7-1, 7-0.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Edited by Peter Dear
and Christopher Davalle

Flying in the face of horror

Tower of strength: the return of high-flying steeplejack Fred Dibnah (BBC2, 7.40pm)

CHOICE

● David Cronenberg began as an experimental director. His commercial feature films still retain a feeling of experiment, by way of dissection, and the gruesome results have been described as biological horror movies. Disease, physical mutation and the collapse of social order through the eruption of sexuality are Cronenberg's recurring obsessions: in short, the horror within. **Long Live the New Flesh** (Channel 4, 10.55pm) looks at this director and his work as his new film, *The Fly*, opens in London. His horror is a horror of adult life which, in many ways, makes him the dark alternative to Stephen Spielberg. Cronenberg — a mild, youthful, bespectacled man, as you might have guessed — talks, with just a ghost of a smile, of biological disease as colonial revolt: "Disease is the love of two alien creatures for each other."

Even Martin Scorsese, whose appetite for cinema is voracious and whose own films do not flinch from violence, places Cronenberg at the extreme limits and warily admires him for touching nerves that no one else dare. Cronenberg owes less to other film-makers than most work today. For reference, his work is a strange confusion of Jacobean drama, downtown Toronto, William Burroughs and J G Ballard.

● **World in Action** (ITV, 8.30pm) looks at the probable racial motivation behind the growing number of arson attacks on Asian property in London's East End, and the lack of police response. A stonewalling police officer maintains the need to keep an open mind. A young Asian arson victim describes how, like something in a nightmare, he found himself suspected and charged of setting fire to his own home. The case was later dismissed by a judge and the man is considering legal action against the police. The policeman states: "I understand . . . that they live in a foreign country . . . and they must have some thought at the back of their mind that they're not getting a fair crack of the whip. But I can assure them that they are." Meanwhile, almost no arrests have been made.

● The radio highlight is a new series, **Inside Job** (Radio 4, 7.20pm) in which Phil Smith (from *Solomon Grundy*) talks to people about their work, on this occasion Lancashire lorry drivers.

Chris Petit

Trouble on the doorstep for Matthew Kelly as he searches for a car, in Relative Strangers (Ch4, 9.30pm)

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. **6.55** Weather

7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and traffic reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**.

8.40 Watchdog. Lynn Faulds Wood and John Stapleton investigate consumer complaints **8.55** Regional news and weather.

9.00 News and weather **9.05** Day to Day. Should smoking be banned in public places? Robert Kilroy-Silk and his guests, Roger Sims MP and Richard Carless, discuss the question with a studio audience. **9.45 The Parent Programme.** News of the Kids Family Centre in London which helps parents whose children have been diagnosed handicapped.

10.00 News and weather **10.05 Neighbours.** (r) **10.25 Children's BBC.** With Phillip Schofield. **10.30 Play School. 10.50 Ivor the Engine.** (r)

10.55 Five to Eleven. Rudolph Walker with a thought for the day **11.00 News** and weather **11.05 Gardeners' World.** (r) **11.35 Open Air.** Programme makers meet their critics. Includes news and weather at 12.00.

12.20 The Tom O'Connor Roadshow. The guests include pop group Slade. **12.55** Regional news and weather.

1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.25 Neighbours.** Paul tries to come to terms with the loss of Gloria **1.50 Hokey Cokey.** (r)

2.05 The Onedin Line. Jim sails a chartered ship to Sydney only to discover that his promised cargo has not materialised. (r) **2.55 Music Match.** A lighthearted music quiz presented by Barry Cryer. **3.25 Valerie.** American comedy series.

3.50 Postman Pat. (r) **4.05 Captain Caveman.** (r) **4.20 Jackanory.** Christopher Guard with part one of Gaffer Samson's Luck, by Jill Paton Walsh **4.30 The Mysterious Cities of Gold.** Animated adventure series.

4.55 John Craven's Newsround **5.05 Blue Peter.** A repeat of the moving interview with Otto Frank, the father of Anne, during which was shown two of his daughter's original diaries. (Ceefax)

5.35 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.

6.35 London Plus.

7.00 Wogan. Among the guests is Dr Garret FitzGerald.

7.30 The British Record Industry Awards 1987. Jonathan King is the host at London's Grosvenor House, where the most popular artists and bands of the year are rewarded by their peers. There are special guest performances from Whitney Houston, Spandau Ballet, Five Star, Level 42, Simply Red, Chris de Burgh, and Curiosity Killed the Cat.

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.

9.30 Panorama: Stockton - Never Had It So Good. On the eve of Lord Stockton's memorial service, Fred Emery talks to the haves and the have nots of Stockton, the Teesside town which the former prime minister represented and took his title.

10.10 Film: The Main Event (1979) starring Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal. Comedy about a boxer who is forced out of retirement by a newly acquired manager who insists that he fights for his, and her, living. Directed by Howard Zieff. (Ceefax)

11.55 Weather.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Management at Priory School. Ends at **7.20**.

8.55 The Week in the Lords. (r)

9.38 Daytime on Two: the Youth Training Scheme **10.00** For four- and five-year olds **10.15** An introduction to basic musical form **10.38** Getting up early **11.00** Activity during the short Arctic summer. (Ceefax) **11.22** Walrus **11.45** Owning up to dishonesty.

12.08 Italian version of the profile of an art restorer **12.40** Why some people turn to religion for help **1.05** Micro Live **1.38** working in the travel and tourism industry **2.00 News** and weather **2.02** The story of the King and the Flute Player **2.15** What life was like on board a Tudor warship.

2.35 Sign Extra. (r)

3.00 News and weather.

3.03 The Ascent of Man. Part six of Dr Bronowski's personal history of mankind. (r)

3.50 News, regional news, and weather.

4.00 Pamela Armstrong.

4.30 World Bowls. First round action in the Embassy World Indoor Bowls Championship, from the Coatbridge Indoor Bowling Club, introduced by Dougie Donnelly.

5.30 Did You See..? A revised edition of yesterday's programme, presented by Sarah Dunant.

6.00 Film: Castle in the Desert* (1941) starring Sidney Toler as Charlie Chan, the oriental investigator, in this adventure solving a murder mystery at a mysterious castle in the Mojave Desert. Directed by Harry Lachman.

7.00 World Bowls. Further coverage of the action from Coatbridge Indoor Bowling Club.

7.40 A Year with Fred. The first of a new series of five films about the life and times of the celebrated Bolton steeplejack, Fred Dibnah.

8.10 Horizon: Bruno Bettelheim. The second and final part of the documentary series on the celebrated psychologist, Bruno Bettelheim. Narrated by Paul Daneman.

9.00 A Small Problem. Part three of the six-programme comedy about a time in the future when under-sized people are pilloried and declared non-persons. (Ceefax)

9.30 Moonlighting. David tries to persuade Maddie not to use her investigative skills to spy on her father when she is asked to by her mother.

10.15 Nozzers. The third of four programmes following the fortunes of a Royal Navy intake to the HMS Raleigh training depot. (First shown on BBC South and West)

10.45 Newsnight **11.30** Weather.

11.35 Telejournal. A newscast from West Germany's second television channel, ZDF.

12.00 Open University: Marketing in Action. Ends at **12.30**.

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6.15 TV-am presented by Mike Morris. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55**.

7.00 Good Morning Britain introduced by Jayne Irving and Richard Keys. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and Jimmy Greaves's television highlights at **8.35**. After Nine includes guest Harriet Harman; and, at 9.17, exercises.

9.25 Thames news headlines.

9.30 Schools: a film to stimulate creative work **9.47** How a story is printed in a newspaper **9.59** Learning to read with Bill Oddie **10.11** The natural history of ordinary surroundings **10.28** The Graeae Theatre Company **10.45** First year German **11.07** Simple mathematical concepts **11.19** Plants for food **11.41** Discovering and recording a community's past.

12.00 Flicks. Christopher Lillicrap with the story of The Cow Who Fell in the Canal. (r) **12.10 Let's Pretend** to the tale of The Lighthouse With Wet Feet.

12.30 A Woman's World. The first of a six-programme series on the lives of working women worldwide.

1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20 Thames news.**

1.30 Film: We're No Angels (1954) starring Humphrey Bogart, Aldo Ray, and Peter Ustinov. Three loveable, escaped convicts from Devil's Island come to the aid of a pretty girl. Directed by Michael Curtiz **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 The Young Doctors.**

4.00 Tickle on the Tum. Village tales for children **4.10 Batfink.** (r) **4.20 How Dare You!** with Carrie Gray, Clive Webb, and John Gorman **4.35 Roadrunner 4.45 Dodger, Bonzo and the Rest.** Drama serial set in a children's home. (r) (Oracle)

5.15 Connections. Quiz for sixth formers.

5.45 News with Alastair Stewart **6.00 Thames news.**

6.25 Help! Community action news from Viv Taylor Gee.

7.00 Wish You Were Here..? Judith Chalmers investigates farmhouse holidays; Anneka Rice reports from the South pacific; and Chris Kelly soaks up the sun in Turkey. (Oracle)

7.30 Coronation Street. Rita Fairclough decides that she and Alan should give the gossips something to talk about. (Oracle)

8.00 The Growing Pains of Adrian Mole. The final episode and Adrian runs away from home and spends the night under a church porch in Hull. (Oracle)

8.30 World in Action: Burning Questions. A documentary investigating the increasing number of arson attacks on Asians living in east London, and a report on the previously unpublicized case of Sohail Ghani.

9.00 Rumpole of the Bailey. Rumpole is defending 'the king of the massage parlours' on an immoral earning charge. Why is the judge, Sir Guthrie, reluctant to try the case? Starring Leo McKern, and, as the judge, Peter Bowles. (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Sandy Gall. Weather followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 Thames Sport Cockney Snooker Classic. Quarterfinal action with commentary by Steve Davis and John Pulman.

11.30 Thames Debate. That the arts should be self-sufficient, and not receive public money from the Government.

12.30 Tales from a Darkside. A lady living in New York is troubled by a constantly ringing telephone. Starring Jean Marsh.

12.55 Night Thoughts.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 The Late Late Show. Dublin's long-running music and chat show presented by Gay Byrne.

3.30 Irish Angle presented by Gordon Burns. Unemployment and the General Election. With 19 per cent of the total workforce unemployed, a special report from two Dublin estates where there is 60 per cent unemployment; plus, an interview with the candidates in the marginal constituency of Dun Laoghaire.

4.00 Mavis on 4. Mavis Nicholson in conversation with Maya Angelou, poet, actress, singer, university professor, and best-selling author, who talks about her work, her marriages, and her family.

4.30 Countdown. The reigning champion is challenged by Geoff Hinchcliffe, a schoolmaster from Windsor.

5.00 Hogan's Heroes. Vintage American comedy series about a group of resourceful Allied prisoners-of-war.

5.30 The Abbott and Costello Show*. Lou becomes a pots and pans door-to-door salesman.

6.00 Back to the Roots. In this part two of Richard Mabey's series on the history of Britain's plants he examines the old tradition of cut-and-come-again. (Oracle) (r)

6.30 Education Extra. Britain's schools are falling down. A report from Bradford on the crisis in that city with its implications for the rest of the nation.

7.00 Channel 4 News, with Peter Sissons and Nicholas Owen, includes the first of a series of reports from Trevor McDonald in Nicaragua.

7.50 Comment. Weather.

8.00 Brookside. Various members of the Close are eagerly awaiting St Valentine's Day; and Bobby Grant thinks he has put his factory management into an embarrassing position.

8.30 Chateauvallon - Fortune and Power. Episode three and the police are continuing their investigations into the death of Paul Bossis. Meanwhile, Bossis' pregnant girlfriend receives a cheque for 50,000 francs.

9.30 Relative Strangers. Comedy series about a mid-Thirties bachelor and his teenage son.

10.00 Hill Street Blues. Jablonski tries to coax a distraught lady from the gentlemen's lavatory; and LaRue has an encounter with a mysterious and unlikely classy lady. (Oracle)

10.55 The Eleventh Hour: Long Live the New Flesh. The work of Canadian horror film-maker, David Cronenberg.

12.15 Their Lordships' House. Highlights of theday's procedings in the House of Lords. Ends at **12.30**.

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: Brock's Last Case **3.15** Cartoon **3.25-3.30** News **5.15-5.45** Emmerdale Farm **6.00** About Anglia **6.30-7.00** Survival **10.30** Anglia Reports **11.00** Sweeney **12.00** That's Hollywood **12.30am** Singing the Gospel, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: Travels With my Aunt **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Lookaround **6.30-7.00** Take the High Road **10.30** Jessie **11.30** Rockstot **12.15am** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Film: Birth of the Beatles **6.00** News **6.35-7.00** Crossroads **10.35** Contrasts **11.05** Darts **11.50** Contact **12.20am** Jobfinder **1.20** Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Home Cookery **1.35-3.30** Film: Josephine and Men **5.15-5.45** Sons & Daughters **6.00** Channel Report **6.30-7.00** Horses for Courses **10.30** Sweeney **11.30** Hammer House of Horror **12.30am** Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: **1.20pm** Granada Reports **1.30** Scramble! **2.00** Film: Tarnished Heroes **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Granada Reports **6.30-7.00** Scramble! **10.30** Under Fire **11.00** Film: Devils of Darkness **12.40am** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Film: Fanny by Gaslight* **6.00-7.00** News **10.30** Extra Time **11.15** Quincy **12.15am** Portrait of a Legend **12.45** Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: **9.30am-9.45** Looking Forward **6.00pm-7.00** Wales at Six **10.30** Survival of the Fittest **11.00** Boxing **11.45-12.45am** Quincy.

TSW As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30-3.30** Film: Monkey Mission **5.15-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Today South West **6.30-7.00** Emmerdale Farm **10.32** Film: Macho Callahan **12.20am** Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.30** Home Cookery **1.35-3.30** Film: Josephine and Men **5.15-5.45** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Coast to Coast **6.30-7.00** Horses for Courses **10.30** Sweeney **11.30** Hammer House of Horror **12.20am** Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.25** Lookaround **1.30** Film: Paul and Michelle **3.20** Home Cookery **3.25-3.30** News **6.00** Northern Life **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits **10.32** Nightline **12.00** Scenes of Old Richmond **12.10am** Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: **1.20pm** Lunchtime **1.30** Film: Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea **3.15** Cartoon **3.30-4.00** Sons and Daughters **6.00** Good Evening Ulster **6.30-7.00** Password **10.30** Kelly's People **11.00** Motor Show **11.30** Sweeney **12.25am** News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: **1.20pm** News **1.25** Help Yourself **1.30** Film: Little Miss Marker **3.20** Home Cookery **3.25** News **3.30-4.00** Country Practice **6.00** Calendar **6.30-7.00** Enterprize 87 **10.30** Calendar Commentary **11.00** Prisoner: Cell Block H **12.00** Portrait of a Legend **12.30am** Jobfinder **1.30** Closedown.

S4C Starts: **11.10am** Ysgolion **11.50** Interval **12.00** Film: Premiere* **1.15pm** Pob's Programme **1.45** Countdown **2.20** Late Late Show **3.35** As Good as New **4.05** Lluniau Dydd Llun **4.20** Anturwyr Y Parth **4.45** Chwarter Call **5.00** Glacier Express **6.00** Hogan's Heroes* **6.30** Mavis on 4 **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Arolwg **8.00** Y Byd Ar Bedwar **8.30** Drannoeth Y Ffair **9.00** Chance in a Million **9.30** Cheers **10.00** Bocsio **11.00** Chateauvallon **12.00** Closedown.

BBC1 **WALES: 5.35pm-6.00** Wales Today **6.35-7.00** Russell Grant in Pontypridd **11.55-12.55am** International Rugby Special (Ireland v England)(France v Wales) **12.55-1.00** News and weather. **SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00** Seall Seo **6.35pm-7.00** Reporting Scotland. **NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm-5.40** Today's Sport **5.40-6.00** Inside Ulster **6.35-7.00** The Music of 'The Celts' **11.55-12.00** News and weather. **ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00** Regional news magazines.

Family strifes: Catherine Kovalic (Sylvia Zerbib) and brother Teddy (Paul Blain) discuss their problems in Chateauvallon (Ch4, 8.30pm)

Fine judge of character: Peter Bowles as Sir Guthrie Featherstone QC in Rumpole and the Judge's Elbow (ITV, 9pm)

Radio 1

On Medium wave Stereo on VHF (see below)
News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm** then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight

[illegible].30am Simon May **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Janice Long **10.00-12.00** John Peel **VHF** Stereo RADIOS 1 & 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

On medium wave. Stereo on VHF News on the hour. Headlines **5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30. 4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Ray Moore **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **4.00** The Beverley Sisters **5.05** Chris Serle **7.00** Alan Dell **8.00** The National Big Band Competition All-Winners Concert **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Some of These Days **10.30** Star Sound with Nick Jackson **11.00** Round Midnight **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

.00 Newsdesk (until 6.30) 7.00 News 7.09 Twenty-four Hours 7.30 Jude the Obscure .00 News 8.09 Reflections 8.15 Wind in e Willows 8.30 Anything Goes 9.00 ws 9.09 Review of the British Press .15 Good Books 9.30 Financial News lowed by Look Ahead 9.45 Peebles' hoice 10.00 News 10.01 Not So Long go 10.30 Alternative Proms 11.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 11.15 Zoowalk - Berlin (until 11.30) 12.00 Radio Newsreel 12.15 Quote Unquote 12.45 Sports oundup 1.00 News 1.09 Twenty-four ours 1.30 Look What They've Done to y Song 2.00 Outlook, opening with News 45 Poisoned Dow '08 3.00 Radio ewsreel 3.15 Not So Long Ago 3.45 ngs of Swing 4.00 News 4.09 Commentary 4.15 Computer World 4.30 Music for the Sun King 4.45 World Today 5.00 News 5.09 Book Choice (until 5.15) 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours 8.30 Sports International 9.00 News 9.01 Network UK 9.15 Music for Sun King 9.30 Alternative Proms 10.00 News 10.09 World Today 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News 10.40 Reflections 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Computer World 11.30 Multitrack 1 12.00 News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 Radio Newsreel 12.30 Look What They've Done to My Song 1.00 News 1.01 Outlook 1.30 Story 1.45 Computer World 2.00 News 2.09 Review of British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 Sports International 3.00 News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 World Today 3.30 John Peel 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 Pierre Fournier 5.45 World Today.

Radio 3

6.35am Open University (vhf only). Poetry: One Romanticism or Many? **6.55** Weather **7.00** News **7.05** Morning Concert. Respighi, Symphonic Poem: Fountains of Rome (Berlin PO under von Karajan); Thomas, Connais-tu le pays? (Mignon), with Frederica von Stade (mezzo-soprano); Mendelssohn, Symphony No 4, in A (Italian) Philharmonia under Klemperer. **8.00** News **8.05** Morning Concert (cont). Lekeu, Symphonic Fantasy on two folk songs from Anjou (Monte Carlo PO under Armin Jordan); Berlioz, Royal Hunt of the Storm (The Trojans: Chorus and Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden); Ravel, Sonatine (Martha Argerich, soprano); Hahn, Suite: Le bal de Béatrice d'Este (Paris Orchestra under Jean-Pierre Jacquillat. **9.00** World Service News **9.10** This Week's Composer. Smetna. Vyshrad from Ma Vlast and excerpts from the opera Libuse. Records. **10.05** Ibert, Britten and Martinu. Judith Hall (flute) Paul Barritt (violin) John Lenehan (piano/harpsichord) and Kathryn Lenehan (piano) play Ibert's Deux Interludes, Britten's Gemini Variations, Op 73, and Martinu's Madrigal Sonata. **10.40** Dvorak. Symphony No 3, in E flat (Czech PO under Vaclav Neumann). **11.20** Johann Michael Nicolai. Suite in A minor; Sonata in B flat; Sonata No 7, in G; Suite in C major. Parley of Instruments, directed by Roy Goodman and Peter Holman.

11.50 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, under Jerzy Maksymiuk, with Christian Zacharias (piano). Mozart, Overture: The Magic Flute; Piano Concerto No 24, in C minor (K 491); Symphony No 34, in C (K 338).

1.00 News **1.05** BBC Lunchtime Concert, live from St John's, Smith Square. Lindsay Quartet plays Dag Wiren's Quartet No 3; Beethoven's Quartet in E minor, Op 59 No 2 (Rasumovsky).

2.00 Music Weekly, with Michael Oliver (r). **2.45** New Records. August Enna, Overture: The Little Match-seller (Odense SO under Ole Schmidt); Sinding, Rustle of Spring, Op 32 No 3 (Helge Antoni, piano); Grieg, orch Hans Sitt, Norweigan Dances, Op 35 (Gothenburg SO under Neeme Jarvi); Schumann, Violin Sonata No 1, in A minor, Op 105 (Gidon Kremer, violin, and Martha Argerich, piano); Liszt, Es muss ein Wunderbares sein; O lieb, so lang du lieben kannst

5.00 World Service News.

5.10 Mainly for Pleasure. Music for the early evening, presented by Paul Riley. **6.55** News **7.00** Music for Organ. Rheinberger's Sonata No 8, in E minor, Op 132, played by Jonathan Bielby on the organ of Leeds Town Hall. **7.30** Baritone and String Quartet. Roth Quartet and Ian Caddy (baritone). Roger Quilter, O mistress mine; Come away death; An old carol; Hey ho, the wind and the rain; Wolf, Italian Serenade; Barber, Dover Beach. **8.00** Himalaya. John Keay examines claims that deforestation, overpopulation and development are threatening the Himalayas. **8.45** Leipzig Gewandhaus Bach Orchestra, with Gerhard Bosse (violin). Heinz Hörtzsch (flute) and Michael Schönheit (harpsichord). Part one: Bach, Suite No 2, in B minor (BWV 1067); Harpsichord Concerto in D minor (BWV 1052). **9.35** Changes. Anthology of poetry about changes in the body politic. **9.45** Bach Concert (part two). Brandenberg Concerto No 2, in F (BWV 1047); Violin Concerto No 2, in E (BWV 1042) Brandenberg Concerto No 5, in D (BWV 1050). **11.00** Fine Arts Quartet plays Mozart's String Quartet in C (K 465) (Disonance) and Hindemith's String Quartet No 3. **11.57-12.00** News

Radio 4

On long wave (s) stereo on VHF

5.55 Shipping forecast **6.00** News briefing; weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s) **6.30** Today incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** Glyn Worsnip searches the sound archives for past events that are relevant today. **8.57** Weather; travel. **9.00** News **9.05** Start the Week, with Richard Baker (s) **10.00** News; Money Box. Louise Botting with listeners' questions about personal finance **10.30** Morning Story. Who, by Fay Weldon **10.45** Daily Service (s) **11.00** News; travel; Down Your Way. Brian Johnstone visits Harlow in Essex. **11.48** Poetry please! Listeners' requests **12.00** News; You and Yours. Consumer magazine with Susan Rae. **12.27** King Street Junior 6: Assemblies. It's the start of the summer term, and Eric Brown is pre-occupied (s). **12.55** Weather.

1.00 The World at One. News **1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping

2.00 News; Woman's Hour with Jenni Murray. Corinne Julius visits one of the Caesarian Support Groups. **3.00** News; The Afternoon Play: The Persian Lesson, by Michael Campbell (s)

4.30 Kaleidoscope

5.00 PM News magazine **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather **6.00** The Six o'clock news. Financial report. **6.30** The news quiz (s)

7.00 News **7.05** The Archers

7.20 Inside Job (new series) The first of six programmes offering an intimate view of working life in Lancashire. **7.45** Science Now. A weekly review of discoveries and developments from the world's leading laboratories. **8.15** The Monday Play: The Diary, by Brian Glanville (s) **9.45** Kaleidoscope. Includes Caryl Philips's The European Tribe, Madame Bovary at the Watford Palace Theatre and Channel 4's Chateuvallon. **10.15** A Book at Bedtime, Missing Persons, by David Cook. 8 of 10 (s) **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight **11.15** The Financial World Tonight **11.30** Today in Parliament **12.00** News; Weather **12.33** Shipping.

VHF (available in England and S Wales only) as above except: **5.55-6.00am** Weather; Travel **11.00-12.00** For Schools. **11.00** Music Makers **11.20** Let's Move (s) **11.40** The Music Box (s) **11.50** See For Yourself. **1.55-3.00pm** For Schools. **1.55** Listening Corner (s) **2.05** Playtime (s) **2.20** Science Scope (s) **2.40** Pictures in Your Mind **5.50-5.55** PM (continued) **11.30-12.10am** Open University.

11.30 Fielding and Patronage **11.50** Living With Technology: Values **12.30-1.10** Schools Night Time Broadcasting. Technology and Design **12.30** 1: Control **12.40** 2: Making Things Move **12.50** 3: Materials and Components **1.00** 4: Structures (CSA).

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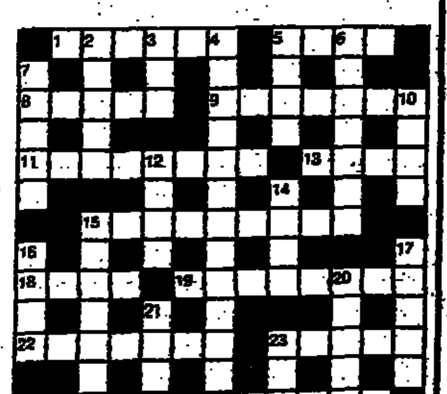

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The solution to Saturday's prize crossword will be published next Saturday

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Allen's goal sets Spurs up for the second leg

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Arsenal	0
Tottenham Hotspur	1

Clive Allen yesterday enhanced his reputation as the country's most prolific scorer on the eve of being recalled to the England squad. With the 34th goal of his remarkable season, he emerged as the decisive figure in the thrilling first leg of the Littlewoods Cup semi-final, televised live from Highbury.

Allen, omitted by Bobby Robson since appearing against Uruguay in 1984, maintained one record and broke another. He has scored in each of Tottenham's seven ties so far in the competition but never before in his professional career had he beaten an Arsenal goalkeeper.

Lukic became his first victim five minutes before the interval. It was a typical effort, the act of a scavenger searching through the garbage in the conviction that he will find a golden nugget. It was to change the complexion of a game, held initially in steel claws, that was drifting in Arsenal's direction.

"It is still only half-time," David Pleat, Tottenham's manager, said after the game, "and nothing is won yet. But we got our football going in the end and, during the second half, they came at us as though the tie was ending today. We had several chances to widen the margin."

He paid tribute to Clive Allen "who has been in such demand that he has had more mail in the last few days than the club itself. He's handled himself very well and he keeps on taking a very high percentage of the opportunities that come his way. He is an excellent finisher."

Tottenham's foundations were being shaken before Clive Allen lent his crucial support. Hayes (twice), Quinn and Davis all threatened to put Arsenal ahead before they fell behind. The transformation was so explosive that within the closing stages of the first half, the defence that has conceded a mere four League goals at home might have been broken three times.

Clive Allen was responsible on each occasion. Lukic tipped his first attempt over the bar and, although Arsenal's goalkeeper parried Mabbutt's drive from the ensuing corner, he was punished from the rebound. Immediately, an inadvertent back pass by Caesar opened the door again but Clive Allen, to his dismay, pulled his shot wide.

Arsenal, without the suspended Anderson and Rocastle, never recovered convincingly. George Graham, their manager, admitted that "we started throwing things forward in hope after the interval".

As they edged nearer to their first defeat at Highbury since Graham took over last summer, Groves struck the outside of a post. It was to be their parting blow.

Tottenham, solidly protecting their advantage, broke out on the counter-attack "as we did in our first game against West Ham," Pleat commented. "Hoddle had five terrific attempts (one struck the angle of post and bar, another brushed the side netting) and I thought Lukic's save from Waddle was magnificent."

By leaving Clive Allen to act alone as the strike-force, Pleat has filled his midfield with five men blessed with differing talents. Hoddle, free to roam where he will, pushed forward in support, Paul Allen ran as energetically as usual, but again the most influential individual was Ardiles.

Enjoying a new lease of life, the little Argentine "did very well. It is lovely to watch him perform." His display was in contrast to that of Williams, the lone star in a thoroughly distasteful cameo role.

As well as concentrating more on inflicting physical damage on his opponents than on their defensive organization, he complained verbally to all the officials throughout the afternoon and was also booked for retaliation. Gough, *for attempting to steal a few* yards at a free kick, and Caesar, for felling Mitchell Thomas, also had their names taken.

The name of Clive Allen is expected to be included by Robson today, especially since Hateley, a member of the World Cup squad in Mexico last summer, was once again kept idle on the bench by Milan yesterday. Wilkins, Hateley's club colleague, is also unlikely to stay in an otherwise predictable party to be selected for the friendly international in Spain next week.

Wilkins's absence provides *an opportunity* for Robson to promote Adams, Arsenal's young and outstanding central defender.

ARSENAL: J Lukic; G Caesar (sub: M Thomas), K Sansom, S Williams, D O'Leary, A Adams, P Groves, P Davis, N Quinn, C Nicholas (sub: G Rix), M Hayes.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Clemence; D Thomas, M Thomas, O Ardiles, I Gough, G Mabbutt, C Allen, P Allen, C Waddle, G Hoddle, N Claesen (sub: A Galvin).
Referee: J Martin.

Botham strikes out for England

From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Melbourne

Botham in commanding form: The England all-rounder hooks Waugh (Photograph: Graham Morris)

Batting as he had not done since the first Test match nearly three months ago, Ian Botham got England off to a winning start in the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup finals here yesterday. After an hour or so of thickish morning drizzle had delayed the start and reduced it from a 50 to a 44 overs match, England put Australia in and kept them down to 171 for eight. Within half an hour of opening *England's innings, Botham* then decided the result.

In no time, he was pulling Davis for four and in the same over skimming him back over his head to the sight screen; in the next over he drove O'Donnell straight for six and hooked him for four. When, in the fifteenth over, he drove Matthews's first ball to long off he had made 71 out of 91 in 52 balls. Having already bowled his nine overs for 26 runs, he would have been unchallenged as the man of the match had there been one. There is a man of the finals instead.

It had been a very good toss to win, the side that batted first having to do so in mild, overcast conditions. The locals were in no doubt that by two o'clock, when the second side went in, there would not be a cloud in the sky, and that is just as it was. It was not, therefore, a completely fair test. Saturday, incidentally, had been Melbourne's hottest day since January 1985, with temperatures well past 100.

The size of yesterday's crowd (51,589) was remarkable considering the breakfast-time weather and the news, which would have spread fast, that Australia had lost a wicket in each of the first two overs. Having brought in a bowler who is no great shakes in the field (Reid) for a batsman who is also one of their best fielders (Wellham), Australia were already committed to an uphill struggle.

Off the sixth ball of the match Gatting, the only slip, *caught Zoehrer off Dilley*; off the eighth he caught Marsh, high up, off DeFreitas. In the third over, still at slip, Gatting caught Border off Dilley, but that was off one of 10 no-balls bowled in the first eight overs by DeFreitas (seven) and Dilley (three). When both Botham and Foster bowled leg-side wides in their first overs, England were in danger of losing the initiative which their strong start had given them.

Had it been a Test match England could have been expected to have four slips and a gully, with the ball moving about as it did in the early overs. As it was, Gatting was *in solitary splendour, such are* the tactics of the one-day game. When a very difficult diving chance from Jones (then 10) eluded Gatting at slip, and then Whitaker, fielding briefly for DeFreitas, was confounded by a nasty skyer at mid-on, also from Jones (then 36), Australia were moving into what was to be their best position in the match. By the time Border was caught at the wicket he and Jones had added 103 for the third wicket.

With 16 overs left this should have led Australia on to something better than 171.

The running-out of Ritchie was important. He was making another good partner for Jones at the time; but he was two-thirds of the way through a second run to third man when Jones sent him back. Dilley, the fielder, moved well to the ball and took a chance on throwing out his arm again. Waugh soon found DeFreitas *with a pull* to deep midwicket, which was a little careless in view of the acres (hectares as they are here) of open space on the leg side, and in the 38th over, by when he was being frustrated by accurate bowling, Jones played on to DeFreitas, trying to work him through the off side from outside the leg stump.

After those early wides and no-balls England bowled where the Australians did not want them to. Botham carried on the good work of earlier one-day matches, concentrating on length and line at the expense of pace. Dilley produced one or two excellent overs; DeFreitas was more reliably economical than one would ever have expected a couple of months ago, and Foster, preferred to Small, bowled better than his figures might suggest. It is good that Foster and French are being given a belated chance to play a part and taking it so well.

It was a joy, too, to see Botham finding his most commanding form. This was his 82nd innings in one-day internationals (Border's had been his 140th, played in only eight years) and he came within one run of making his top score, which is still 72 against Australia at Old Trafford in 1985 when Matthews also got him out, bowled playing the infamous reverse sweep. At one stage yesterday, Botham hit 26 off seven balls, one of them a wide.

It was not an end of the entertainment when Botham was out. Jones held a brilliant two-handed catch, flying to his right at mid-off, to get rid of Broad, and then Gower played very well until, with only a few to get, he tossed away his wicket.

The unabashed and irrepressible Matthews took a very good return catch, his third in recent matches, though not before Athey had taken 57 balls to make 12. Athey's fielding alone makes him an integral part of the England side; but he needs careful placing in the batting order if he is not to delay the progress of an innings. England won with eight overs to spare. The second of the semi-finals is in Sydney on Wednesday, and if England win there that will be it.

Vintage stuff

After Ian Botham had taken England to within touching distance of a clean sweep of Cup, Perth Challenge and Ashes, a delighted Mike Gatting said: "Ian made a mockery of the situation. It was vintage Botham. We are looking forward to Sydney.". The Australian captain, Allan Border, also applauded his friend's effort. "It might have been a decent game without Both," he said.

MELBOURNE SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIA

G R Marsh c Gatting b DeFreitas	2
†T J Zoehrer c Gatting b Dilley	0
D M Jones b DeFreitas	67
*A R Border c French b Foster	42
G M Ritchie run out	13
S R Waugh c DeFreitas b Emburey	1
S P O'Donnell b Dilley	10
G R J Matthews b Dilley	8
P L Taylor not out	3
B A Reid not out	5
Extras (lb 10, nb 7, w 3)	20
Total (8 wkts, 44 overs)	171

S P Davis did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-3, 3-106, 4-134, 5-137, 6-146, 7-161, 8-164.
BOWLING: Dilley 9-2-32-3; DeFreitas 9-0-32-2; Botham 9-0-26-0; Foster 9-0-42-1; Emburey 8-0-29-1.

ENGLAND

B C Broad c Jones b Matthews	12
I T Botham c Marsh b Matthews	71
C W J Athey c and b Matthews	12
D I Gower c Taylor b Reid	45
A J Lamb not out	15
*M W Gatting not out	3
Extras (b 5, lb 3, w 4, nb 2)	14
Total (4 wkts, 36 overs)	172

J E Emburey, P A J DeFreitas, N A Foster, †B N French and G R Dilley did not bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-91, 2-93, 3-147, 4-159.
BOWLING: Davis 4-0-17-0; O'Donnell 4-0-25-0; Reid 5-0-31-1; Waugh 8-1-36-0; Matthews 9-1-27-3; Taylor 5-0-24-0; Jones 1-0-4-0.
Umpires: P J McConnell, S G Randell.

Everton's move for Clarke hits snag

Everton's revitalized challenge for the championship could shortly be further strengthened by the signing of Wayne Clarke, the Birmingham City forward, for a fee in the region of £400,000.

Howard Kendall, Everton's manager, is pursuing a firm interest in the stylish goalscorer from the famous Black Country family but negotiations are being held up by a complicated agreement between Birmingham and Clarke's former club, Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Ken Wheldon, the Birmingham chairman, who is discussing a possible deal with Kendall, is also challenging with the Football League a tribunal clause which says that Wolves *must take a portion of* any transfer fee.

This dates back to 1984 when Birmingham signed him from Molineux and a tribunal decided the fee. His value was put at £80,000 with the rider that Wolves would receive 50 per cent of receipts from any subsequent resale.

However, since then, Wolves (1982) Limited has collapsed with the demise of the Bhatti brothers of Allied Properties. The chairman and vice-chairman are now Dick Homden and Jack Harris, two former Walsall FC board colleagues and close friends of Wheldon.

Birmingham's chairman has been in contact with the Football League for sight of any written instruction which enforces the payment of a 50 per cent share of the profits to Wolves. If such documentation exists he will then seek a legal ruling on whether the percentage would go to the Receiver handling the affairs of Wolves 1982 Limited or the present administration of the fourth division club.

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Aggression puts Meo in last four

By Sydney Friskin

Tony Meo, defending the only title he has ever won in this country, reached the semi-finals of the Tolly Ales English professional championship in Ipswich yesterday with a 6-3 victory over John Parrott.

Meo was in attacking mood yesterday when he took a 4-1 lead at the interval against Parrott, who then hit back to cut the lead to 4-3.

RESULTS: Fourth round: T Meo bt D Fowler 6-0. Frame scores (Meo first): 59-50, 86-18, 68-41, 58-48, 79-20, 86-22. J Parrott bt J Virgo 6-2. Frame Scores (Parrott first) 11-53, 15-66, 101-0, 88-15, 90-33, 72-0, 79-28, 82-39. M Hallett bt K Owers 6-2. Frame scores (Hallett first): 34-59, 46-64, 66-28, 82-52, 67-64, 60-24, 65-49, 132-0. R Williams bt David Taylor 6-2. Frame scores (Williams first): 49-55, 84-25, 28-71, 82-35, 61-8, 78-5, 69-59, 111-9. Quarter finals: Meo bt Parrott 6-3. Frame scores (Meo first): 88-23, 67-43, 98-17, 50-64, 80-50, 8-70, 0-128, 51-20, 84-0. Dodd bt Hallett 6-5. Frame scores (Dodd first): 18-80, 73-3, 38-92, 52-60, 21-107, 64-50, 69-42, 67-62, 101-21, 83-15.

Lynch beats Kristiansen and takes home $30,000

Liz Lynch, of Scotland, struck it rich in far off Indonesia yesterday with a victory which out-rivalled even her Commonwealth Games 10,000 metres gold medal triumph, defeating Ingrid Kristiansen, of Norway, the world 10,000 metres record holder, in a 10-kilometre road race.

Her time of 31min 57.65sec gave her almost six seconds advantage over Mrs Kristiansen who had lapped her in their last encounter on her way to winning the European 10,000 metres track title in Stuttgart last summer.

The venue this time was very different, the exotic resort of Bali and the reward was equally exotic. She won $30,000. Miss Lynch had dogged the footsteps of her more famous rival for 8,000 metres then pushed for victory in a manner reminiscent of her Meadowbank track win over the New Zealander, Anne Audain.

Named Scotland's sportswoman of 1986 thanks to her Commonwealth win, Miss Lynch has nevertheless struggled to obtain sponsorship to finance her flourishing running career. But her financial worries should now be eased and she flies on to the United States today for more potentially lucrative road races.

Miss Lynch, aged 22, returns to Scotland early in March in time for the world cross-country championships in Poland and must now be marked out as a potential successor to the champion, Zola Budd, who is a doubtful starter because of injury.

Miss Lynch is unbeaten *since Stuttgart* in cross-country and road races and the manner of her victories has been impressive on both types of terrain. Ironically it was a row over prize-money in an American road race last spring which caused her to cut short her stay on a scholarship at Alabama University where her fiance, the Northern Ireland steeplechaser, Peter McColgan, is still based. The money was mistakenly paid into her college track fund in breach of National Collegiate Athletic Association rules.

Miss Lynch is now advised by John Anderson, the former Scottish national coach based at Southwark, and he said: "This win is even more important than her Commonwealth Games success."

Mark Nenow, of the United States, came home over six seconds clear of Arturo Barrios, of Mexico, to collect a $50,000 prize for the men'

RESULTS: Men: 1, M Nenow (US), 28min 37.15sec; 2, A Barrios (Mex), 28:43.58; 3, M Sahangga (Tan), 28:49.60; 4, K Akutsu (Japan), 28:59.09; 5, J Gregorek (US) 29:08.55. Women: 1, E Lynch (GB), 31:57.65; 2, I Kristiansen (Nor), 32:03.22; 3, M Cooksey (US), 33:09.02; 4, L Williams (Can), 33:48.40; 5, P Welch (GB), 34:36.64.

Ireland are happy with team

Ireland, bouyant after their best win over England for 40 years, have named an unchanged team for the next Five Nations championship game, against Scotland at Murrayfield on February 21. They will train in Dublin next weekend before their encounter with last season's joint champions.

England, meanwhile, returned home yesterday to begin picking up the pieces of a depressing defeat. The selectors plan to check on the fitness of certain players — the names of Dooley, Richards and Bainbridge spring to mind — before announcing tomorrow the side who will play France at Twickenham *on February 21.*

The Welsh have a month to consider the implications of their defeat in Paris, before playing England in Cardiff on March 7.

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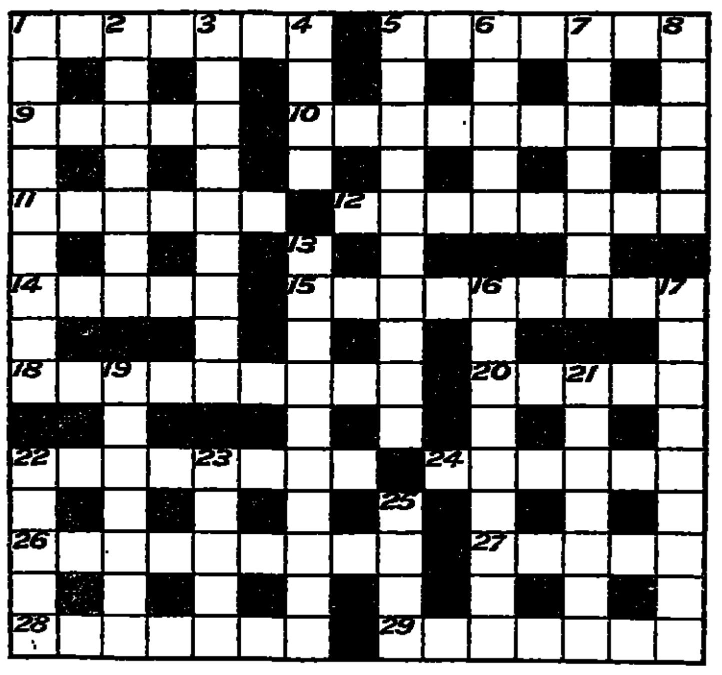
The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,275



ACROSS

1 Charges a couple of hundred, and profits by it (7).
5 The agency saw pact broken (4-3).
9 Performing animal about at home (5).
10 There's room here for high-fliers! (9).
11 In short U.S. can't agree with this Italian (6).
12 Finding school filling in time, blow up (8).
14 Bearing in meat for sale (5).
15 Pressmen making cracks? (9).
18 Gruff as an awkward assistant (9).
20 Narrow source of light (5).
22 Ignore any special reduction (8).
24 Work at model's face (6).
26 Against show — is that clear? (9).
27 Admit defeat and return (5).
28 *Following about, holding asso*ciate back (7).
29 Remain troubled by the river sailor (7).

DOWN

1 Extras — a wealthy individual receiving many, it appears (9).
2 Look around the borders for colour (7).
3 *Is he more distinguished* as a communicator? (9).
4 When upset, sleeps for a while (4).
5 Agree to write some letters (10).
6 Poet made to embrace a craft (5).
7 The French female caught in the Head's grasp is calm (7).
8 It may be a question of location (5).
13 Criminal activity represents a big danger (10).
16 He gives valued support to the local authority (9).
17 Getting more confident about the right tip to hand over (9).
19 Quick catch made off Southern Ireland (7).
21 Drunken toper not out to obtain food (7).
22 *He may well go down in a strong* suit (5).
23 Hunter will go on about port! (5).
25 Overflow driving area on motorway (4).

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The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,274 will appear next Saturday

WEATHER

Fronts will cross most places during the day. N Scotland will have some sunshine but a few showers and will be quite cold. E Scotland will start bright but will cloud over and there will be rain later. Wet weather, with heavy rain over N Ireland, will spread E across Scotland and all England and Wales, although E England will be mainly dry until evening. In the afternoon N Ireland will brighten up and this clearer weather will get to most places during the evening. It will be mild. Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Some sunshine but showers too, mainly in the N and W. Colder with snow on northern hills.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	15	59	Madrid			
Akrotiri	f	15	59	Majorca			
Alex'dria	f	19	66	Malaga			
Algiers	s	19	66	Malta	c	15	59
Amst'dm	r	6	43	Melb'rne	f	18	64
Athens	r	9	48	Mexico C*	c	7	45
Bahrain	s	20	68	Miami*	c	23	73
Barbads*				Milan	fg	2	36
Barcelna				Montreal*	s	0	32
Beirut	f	16	61	Moscow	c	-4	25
Belgrade	s	1	34	Munich	c	5	41
Berlin	c	2	36	Nairobi	s	26	79
Bermuda*	r	17	63	Naples	s	15	59
Biarritz	c	12	54	N Delhi	s	24	75
Borde'x	c	12	54	N York*	s	9	48
Brussels	d	8	46	Nice	s	13	55
Budapst	s	3	37	Oslo	f	0	32
B Aires*	s	29	84	Paris	d	9	48
Cairo	f	19	66	Peking	s	12	54
Cape Tn	s	23	73	Perth	s	34	93
C'blanca	s	16	61	Prague	c	1	34
Chicago*	s	8	46	Reykjvik	f	3	37
Ch'church	s	15	59	Rhodes	f	14	57
Cologne	c	4	39	Rio de J	f	31	88
C'phagn	f	3	37	Riyadh	s	26	79
Corfu	s	14	57	Rome	s	15	59
Dublin	f	11	52	Salzburg	c	4	39
Dubrovnik	s	9	48	S F'risco*	s	16	61
Faro	s	18	64	Santiago*	s	24	75
Florence	s	9	48	S Paulo*	c	29	84
Frankfurt	r	3	37	Seoul	s	8	46
Funchal	c	17	63	Sing'por	f	30	86
Geneva	c	5	41	St'kholm	f	-11	12
Gibraltar	s	16	61	Strasb'rg	c	5	41
Helsinki -	sn	15	5	Sydney	f	29	84
Hong K	s	21	70	Tangier	s	17	63
Innsbrck	f	2	36	Tel aviv	c	15	59
Istanbul	d	6	43	Tenerife			
Jeddah	s	31	88	Tokyo	s	14	57
Jo'burg*	s	25	77	Toronto*	f	3	37
Karachi	s	26	79	Tunis	c	16	61
L Palmas	s	22	72	Valencia			
Le Tquet				Vanc'ver*	f6		43
Lisbon	s	9	48	Venice	f	6	43
Locarno	s	7	45	Vienna	f	3	37
L Angels*	s	25	77	Warsaw	c	-1	30
Luxembg	d	4	39	Wash'ton*	f	11	52
				Wel'nton	s	15	59
				Zurich	c	4	39

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-				
Bridlington	3.0	-	8	46	bright
Cromer	1.5	-	6	43	bright
Lowestoft	2.4	-	7	45	bright
Clacton	5.7	-	7	45	sunny
Southend	6.5	-	9	48	sunny
Margate	-	-	7	45	sunny
Folkestone	7.8	.02	9	48	sunny
Hastings	7.4	.17	9	48	sunny
Eastbourne	8.0	.21	9	48	sunny
Brighton	6.8	.04	8	46	sunny
Worthing	6.9	.03	9	48	sunny
Littlehmptn	6.9	.02	11	52	sunny
Bognor R	7.2	.01	9	48	sunny
Southsea	6.0	.01	10	50	sunny
Sandown	6.0	-	9	48	sunny
Shanklin	6.2	.01	9	48	sunny
Bournemth	5.6	-	9	48	sunny
Poole	4.7	-	10	50	bright
Swanage	5.4	.01	10	50	drizzle
Weymouth	2.8	.01	9	48	sunny
Exmouth	1.9	-	9	48	sunny
Teignmouth	2.1	-	9	48	bright
Torquay	2.2	-	10	50	bright
Falmouth	-	.13	8	46	rain
Penzance	-	.23	10	50	rain
Scilly Isles	-	.08	10	50	drizzle
Jersey	4.5	.21	11	52	rain
Guernsey	4.1	.01	11	52	sunny
Newquay	-	.11	9	48	rain
Ilfracombe	-	.01	10	50	rain
Minehead	2.2	-	10	50	bright
B'pool Airpt	0.1	-	7	45	cloudy
Morecambe	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Douglas	-	.06	6	43	rain
B'ham Airpt	1.9	-	8	46	bright
Bristol (Ctrl)	3.8	.01	11	52	rain
Carlisle	0.1	-	7	45	bright
London	5.9	.01	10	50	sunny
Manchester	0.3	-	7	45	cloudy
N'ctl-n-Tyne	2.7	-	7	45	rain
Nottingham	1.3	-	8	46	bright
Anglesey	0.1	.07	7	45	rain
Cardiff (Ctrl)	2.0	.01	8	46	rain
Colwyn Bay	*	.25	*	*	rain
Tenby	-	.13	7	45	rain
Aberdeen	3.0	.04	6	43	sunny
Edinburgh	0.8	-	7	45	cloudy
Eskdalemur	0.5	-	4	39	cloudy
Glasgow	-	-	7	45	cloudy
Kinloss	1.7	.03	6	43	cloudy
Lerwick	5.3	-	4	39	sunny
Prestwick	-	.01	7	45	rain
Stornoway	-	-	7	45	bright
Tiree	-	.05	7	45	rain
Wick	3.6	.11	5	41	bright
Belfast	-	.14	7	45	rain

These are Saturday's figures
*Figures not available

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.33	5.6	11.11	5.7
Aberdeen	10.34	3.3	11.09	3.3
Avonmouth	3.21	9.7	4.17	10.0
Belfast	8.05	2.9	8.43	2.9
Cardiff	3.06	9.1	4.02	9.4
Devonport	2.06	4.3	2.46	4.2
Dover	8.05	5.2	8.42	5.3
Falmouth	1.36	4.1	2.16	4.0
Glasgow	9.12	4.1	10.23	4.1
Harwich	8.37	3.0	9.12	3.1
Holyhead	7.41	4.4	8.11	4.4
Hull	2.47	5.6	3.31	5.7
Ilfracombe	2.37	6.6	3.19	6.7
Leith	11.52	4.4		
Liverpool	8.13	7.1	8.47	7.2
Lowestoft	6.39	2.0	7.06	2.0
Margate	8.53	3.7	9.25	3.9
Milford Haven	3.03	5.1	3.41	5.1
Newquay	2.00	5.2	2.37	5.2
Oban	3.31	2.9	3.44	3.0
Penzance	1.18	4.3	1.54	4.2
Portland	2.24	1.3	3.39	1.2
Portsmouth	8.18	3.7	9.13	3.7
Shoreham	7.55	4.6	8.44	4.8
Southampton	7.51	3.6	8.40	3.6
Swansea	2.54	7.1	3.34	7.1
Tees	12.27	4.2	1.06	4.3
W'ton-on-Nze	8.36	3.2	9.12	3.3

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (41F) Rain: hr to 6 pm, 0.24 in Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.4 hr.

The pound

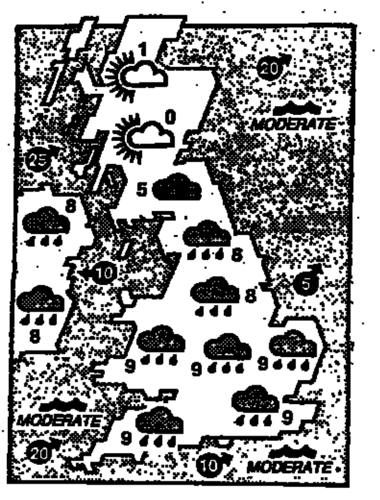
	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.38	2.32
Austria Sch	20.45	19.35
Belgium Fr	61.25	57.85
Canada $	2.09	1.99
Denmark Kr	11.201	10.41
Finland Mkk	7.40	6.90
France Fr	9.87	9.17
Germany Dm	2.93	2.77
Greece Dr	230	210
Hong Kong $	12.10	11.50
Ireland Pt	1.097	1.037
Italy Lira	2075	1955
Japan Yen	246	232
Netherlands Gld	3.285	3.115
Norway Kr	11.13	10.53
Portugal Esc	220.50	210.50
South Africa Rd	3.65	3.25
Spain Pta	202.50	192.50
Sweden Kr	10.33	9.78
Switzerland Fr	2.455	2.325
USA $	1.57	1.50
Yugoslavia Dnr	900	800

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

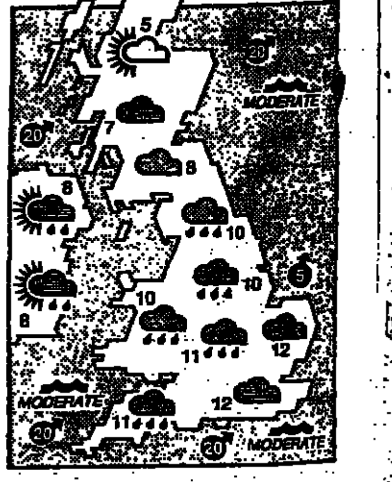
Retail Price Index: 393.

London: The *FT* Index closed up 22.7 at 1508.9.

AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 5.34 pm to 6.55 am
Bristol 5.44 pm to 7.04 am
Edinburgh 5.32 pm to 7.20 am
Manchester 5.36 pm to 7.09 am
Penzance 5.59 pm to 7.13 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	10	50	Guernsey	fg	9	48
B'rmghm	c	11	52	Inverness	s	9	48
Blackpool	f	7	45	Jersey	c	9	48
Bristol	d	10	50	London	d	11	[illegible]
Cardiff	c	9	48	M'chster	r	10	[illegible]
Edinburgh	f	9	48	Newcastle	c	10	50
Glasgow	f	9	48	R'nldsway	f	9	48

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Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 6C (43F). Humidity: 6 pm, 83 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1019.0 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Sun rises: 7.27 am
Sun sets: 5.04 pm
Moon sets 5.30 am
Moon rises 12.03 pm
Full Moon February 13

NOON TODAY